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1. INTRODUCTION

FE Hugo & Khoe (Pty) Ltd ('the Project Applicant') is applying for environmental authorisation ('EA') to construct and operate the up to 360 MW Hugo Wind Energy Facility (WEF) and its associated on-site substation and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) ('the proposed development').

The Hugo WEF is located near De Doorns within the Breede Valley Local Municipality in the Western Cape Province.

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 ERM (Pty) Ltd, to act as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) and to undertake the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process for Environmental Authorisation (EA).

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 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.

This Public Participation Report has been compiled as Volume III to the respective Volume I – Draft EIA Report. This report has been updated to include all comments received throughout the application process up until submission of the Final Scoping Report (FSR) to Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) for decision.

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 A) 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 will continue to be updated through to the EIA phase. Anyone with an interest in the proposed development and/or associated EIA process are encouraged to register.

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 WEF site boundary (in English and Afrikaans) on 6 October 2023;
- Poster notices were erected at local shops in the town of Du Doorns and Worcester on 6 October 2023;
- Advertisements were placed in the in one provincial newspaper, The Daily Voice, and one local newspaper, Standard Breederivier Gazette, on the 14 December 2023; and
- I&APs, stakeholders and organs of state that were identified and / or requested to be registered, were added to the I&AP database.

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 PPP

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 D) 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 table below presents the respective locations the DSR was made available for public review and comment from **Thursday, 29 February 2024 to Tuesday, 02 April 2024 (both days inclusive)**. **The commenting period was 30 days, as per the NEMA, 1998 EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended)**.

Location	Physical Address
Hard Copy Location	
De Doorns Public Library	7 Station Road, De Doorns, 6875, South Africa
CD copies were available upon request.	
Electronic Copy Locations	
ERM Website	https://www.erm.com/hugoandkhoe/
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 PPP

During the EIA phase, the following PPP tasks will be undertaken:

- Written Notification regarding the application process (English and Afrikaans) will be sent to all registered I&APs 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 an email addresses.
- If written notification cannot be sent to an I&AP, notification will be provided telephonically.
- Notification to inform registered I&APs of the availability of the Draft EIA Report for public review and comment (which is a mandatory 30 days);
- A public event will be held in order to explain the findings of the EIA, if requested;
- The Comments and Reponses Report will be updated, to record comments and / or queries received and the responses provided. This report will be included in a Final EIA Report for submission to the DFFE;
- Authority review and decision; and
- Notification of all registered I&APs, key stakeholders, and organs of state of the decision by the DFFE and the appeal procedure.

I&APs will also be able to register throughout the duration of the EIA process. Once registered, I&APs will be informed about the EIA process as it progresses.

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

Initial Notification Phase

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

Scoping Phase

During the scoping phase, comments were received from the DFFE, other authorities and I&APs. Follow-up e-mails were sent to all registered I&APs, stakeholder and authorities, and no further comments were received.

Responses to comments received during the scoping period are provided in the below tables, with EAP / specialist / applicant responses, and the original comment and responses has been appended to the PP report (Appendix F).

FINAL SCOPING REPORT COMMENTS

TABLE 6.1 RESPONSES TO COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Date of comment, format of comment, name of organisation / I&AP	Comment	Response from EAP / Applicant / Specialist
	<p>1. Application form</p>	
<p>Date: 20/05/2024</p> <p>Letter received via Email</p> <p>Department of Environmental Affairs and Planning (Mr Sabelo Malaza, Mr Wayne Hector)</p>	<p>2. Listed Activities</p> <p>a) Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure (including thresholds) as described in the project description. Only activities (and sub-activities) applicable to the development must be applied for and assessed. The physical footprint of the infrastructure in square metres must be provided in support of the applicability of this listed activity/ies.</p>	<p>Application updated accordingly – updated EAP and project details</p> <p>All the activities that have been applied for are specific and relevant to the development activity as described in the project description. The relevant activities are included in Table 3.1 of the Draft EIA Report.</p>

Date of comment, format of comment, name of organisation / I&AP	Comment	Response from EAP / Applicant / Specialist
	<p>b) Ensure to include thresholds for each activity applied for in the application form. The physical footprint of the infrastructure in square metres/hectares/cubic metres is not mentioned in the application form. As such, you are requested to provide the physical footprint of the infrastructure to motivate the applicability of this listed activity/ies.</p>	<p>These have been included in the application form. Please refer to table 3.1 of the Draft EIA for applicability of listing notices.</p>
	<p>c) Only applicable listed activities must be applied for, and the project description must be specific on what is being proposed in the final EIAR.</p>	<p>Acknowledged by the EAP – applicable listed activities have been applied for.</p>
	<p>d) Ensure that the SG codes, farm names and numbers are correct and consistent throughout the reports. Provide this information as well as the coordinates of the proposed development in a separate appendix.</p>	<p>Table 0.1 in the Draft EIA Report provides the correct SG codes, farm names and numbers. These have been included as appendix 9 in the application form.</p>
	<p>e) If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final SR, an amended application form must be submitted. Please note that the Department's application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms .</p>	<p>The listed activities in the scoping report corresponds with the Draft EIA Report</p>

Date of comment, format of comment, name of organisation / I&AP	Comment	Response from EAP / Applicant / Specialist
	f) The listed activities represented in the EIAR and the application form must be the same and correct.	The listed activities in Table 3.1 of the Draft EIA Report correspond with the listed activities in the application form.
	g) Landowner consent has not been provided in Appendix 3 submitted with the application form or the draft SR. Ensure that landowner consent is provided with the next document submission.	Landowner consent forms have been included in the updated application form.
	3. Alternatives	
	a) The EAP is required to provide a clear assessment for each identified/ or assessed alternative and further provide clear motivation and reasons as to why the preferred alternative proves to be the preferred compared to other Alternatives. This relates to the location alternative, site layout alternatives/design, technology alternative, and Battery Energy Storage Systems alternatives.	An assessment for each identified alternative location, layout alternative and technology alternative has been included. A clear motivation and reason for the selection of the preferred alternative have been included in this draft EIA report.
	b) The EIAR must provide the five corner coordinates points for the proposed development site (note that if the site has numerous bend points, at each bend point coordinates must be provided. Coordinates must be in the format as prescribed by the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. A separate	Coordinates for the have been included in table 0.5 in the Draft EIA.

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	<p>appendix, as indicated above, must be provided for co-ordinates.</p>	
	<p>4. Layout & Sensitivity Maps</p>	
	<p>a) All available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the final layout map. Existing infrastructure must be used as far as possible, e.g. roads. The layout map must indicate the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Ensure that the titles of the maps are consistent. The preferred layout must be presented in the final layout map. ii. The final envisioned area for the wind facility, i.e. location of wind turbines (including turbine numbers) and all associated infrastructure including BESS and all associated infrastructure should be mapped at an appropriate scale. iii. All supporting onsite infrastructure such as concrete turbine foundations and turbines hard stands, on-site IPP substation, temporary and permanent laydown areas, overhead or underground cabling between the turbines, temporary staff accommodation areas, BESS area, access roads and internal gravel roads, fencing and lighting, telecommunication infrastructure area, stormwater channels, water pipelines, offices and operational control centre, operation and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Refer to Volume I for figures ii. Refer to Volume I – Figure 3 iii. This will be produced prior to construction iv. Refer to Volume I – Figure 3 v. Refer to Volume I – Figure 3 vi. Refer to Volume I - Figures vii. Refer to Volume I – Figure 3 viii. Refer to Volume I – Figure 3 ix. Refer to Volume I – Figure 5 to 6.3

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	<p>maintenance area / warehouse / workshop, ablution facility areas, and etc.</p> <p>iv. All necessary details regarding all locations and sizes of the substations and internal power lines.</p> <p>v. All necessary details regarding related to the proposed wind facility.</p> <p>vi. Turbines must be clearly numbered.</p> <p>vii. All existing infrastructure on the site, especially internal road infrastructure.</p> <p>viii. The maps should be provided in high resolution and be clear and legible. Ensure to use a definitive icon or colour which contrasts against the background information and colours of the maps provided</p> <p>ix. Please provide an environmental sensitivity map, if possible, which indicates the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The location of sensitive environmental features on site, e.g., CBAs, protected areas, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure; • Sensitivity Buffer areas; and All “no-go” areas. 	
	<p>b) It must be emphasised that the final EIAR must include a final layout map which adheres to specialist recommendations as well as the identified no-go areas and buffer zones. All turbines must be numbered on all submitted maps. Please include a separate appendix which contains all relevant mapping information.</p>	<p>Figure 6.1 -6.3 of the Draft EIA Report report includes a map combining the layout map superimposed (overlain) on the environmental sensitivity map.</p>

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	c) The above site-specific map must be overlain with a sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring renewable energy developments and existing grid infrastructure. All available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the map and infrastructure must not encroach on highly sensitive areas as far as possible.	Refer to Volume I - Figures
	d) Google maps will not be accepted for decision-making purposes. Ensure that distinct colours are Used on the maps to differentiate features, especially on the sensitivity map.	Google maps have been avoided in the EIA Report.
	e) Include a description of the process to determine the finalised layout i.e. specialist considerations, site sensitivities etc.	An evolution report has been included as appendix C.
	f) A cumulative map which shows the proposed wind farms linked to this application (i.e. Khoe WEF Application currently in process). The map should highlight the grid connections used and show if the WEFs will share any infrastructure.	Cumulative map has been included in Volume I - Figures

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	<p>g) 'Section 11.9.2 Visual Sensitivities' of the Final Scoping report highlights numerous visual sensitivities and their recommended buffers. The turbines occurring within these buffers must be either microsituated as far as possible or motivated for. Include turbine numbers when providing these motivations to ensure ease of map reference.</p>	<p>The layout has been revised twice during the EIA phase to account for visual sensitive areas. However, according to the VIA turbines are still located in high sensitive areas. A motivation for the turbines still located in these high sensitive areas have been provided by the EAP in the EIA Report.</p>
	<p>Public Participation Process</p>	
	<p>a) Please ensure that all issues raised, and comments received from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction are submitted to the Department with the EIAR. This includes but is not limited to the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), the provincial Department of Agriculture, the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA), the Department of Transport, the Local Municipality, the District Municipality, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), the South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL), the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), EWT, BirdLife SA, CapeNature, the Department of Mineral Resources, the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform, the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) and the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment: Directorate Biodiversity and Conservation (BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za, for</p>	<p>These have been included in Volume III – Comments and Response Report</p>

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	the attention of Mr Seoka Lekota) and Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment: Protected Areas Management Effectiveness.	
	b) Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the final SR from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the EIAR. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the EIAR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof must be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.	Final scoping has been circulated however no comments were received during this period.
	c) The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.	This process has been conducted accordingly.
	d) A comments and response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the draft EIAR. The C&R report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format which reflects the details of the I&APs and date of comments received, actual comments received, and response provided. Please ensure that comments made by I&APs are comprehensively captured (copy verbatim if required) and responded to clearly and fully and in chronological order. Please note that a response such as "Noted" is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP's comments.	C&R report has been included as Volume III
	e) Please include the date of publishing and the names of the newspapers used in the EIAR.	Details of newspaper advertisements have been included in Section 9 of the Draft EIA Report

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	<p>6. Specialist Assessments</p> <p>a. The EAP must ensure that the terms of reference for all the identified specialist studies must include the following: A detailed description of the study’s methodology; indication of the locations and descriptions of the development footprint, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisations. Provide a detailed description of all limitations to the studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation will not be allowed. 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. 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. 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. Should a specialist recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated. Regarding cumulative impacts: Clearly defined cumulative impacts and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e., hectares of cumulatively transformed land. A detailed process flow to indicate how the specialist’s recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into</p>	<p>Please refer to Sections 10 – 12 and Volume II – Specialist studies. The EAP acknowledges that the departments definition of a ‘no-go’ area is for any infrastructure, including the associated infrastructure such as access roads. The proposed development, including the associated infrastructure is not proposed within no-go areas. The avifauna and bat specialist has identified areas of no-go for turbines. These areas are clearly defined and marked in the maps. All specialist studies are final and provide detailed / practical mitigation measures. Further studies are only provided for post construction of the proposed development. Specific mitigation measures as recommended by specialists are clearly indicated the EIA Report and EMPr. No contradicting recommendations were provided by specialists. Specialists’ recommendations have been considered and included Section 13 of the EIA Report to be included in EA and / or in the EMPr for implementation. An assessment of cumulative impacts, including significance ratings, has been included in Section 4.3.3 and Section 11 of the EIA Report. The actual development footprint of the nearby Renewable Energy developments could not be easily quantified or accessed spatially. For example, the National</p>

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	<p>consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project. Identified cumulative impacts associated with the proposed development must be rated with the significance rating methodology used in the process.</p> <p>The significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.</p> <p>A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.</p> <p>Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and where necessary, include further expert advice.</p>	<p>Renewable Energy EIA Application Database contains the land parcels, and not the footprint. Nonetheless, it is believed that the assessment of cumulative impacts has been adequately captured in this EIA Report.</p> <p>Detailed process flow and proof of the assessments have been included in the individual independent specialist reports.</p> <p>The need and desirability of the proposed project takes into account the cumulative impacts of surrounding developments of the area.</p> <p>A statement of the cumulative impacts of the proposed development has been included in the report.</p> <p>No contradicting recommendations were provided by specialists. Specialists' recommendations have been considered and included Section 13 of the EIA Report to be included in EA and / or in the EMP for implementation.</p>
	<p>Specialist studies to be conducted must provide a detailed description of their methodology, as well as indicate the locations and descriptions of turbines, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisations.</p>	<p>All specialist studies include detailed description of their methodology, as well as the locations and descriptions of turbines, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisations.</p>
	<p>c) The specialist studies must also provide a detailed description of all limitations to their studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation, will not be accepted.</p>	<p>Please refer to Section 2.5 in the EIA report</p>

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	d) Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and where necessary, include further expert advice.	No contradicting recommendations, apart from visual specialist. The locations of turbines within high sensitive areas are currently the best for wind resource potential and the removal of these will entirely jeopardize the project.
	e) It is further brought to your attention that 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, when applying for Environmental Authorisation, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. "the Protocols"), and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species), have come into effect. Please note that specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with these protocols. Please note further that the protocols require the specialists' to be registered with SACNASP in their respective field.	The EAP is aware of the requirements of Section 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998. Specialist assessments will be conducted in accordance with Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020.
	f) Please include a table in the report, summarising the specialist studies required by the Department's Screening Tool, a column indicating whether these studies were conducted or not, and a column with motivation for any studies not conducted. Please note that if any of the specialists' studies and requirements/protocols recommended in the Department's Screening Tool are not commissioned, motivation for such must be provided in the report per the requirements of the Protocols.	Please refer to Section 4, table 4-1 of the EIA Report
	g) The screening tool output: The screening tool and the gazetted protocols (GN R320 of 20 March 2020 and GN R 1150 of 30 October 2020) require a site sensitivity verification to be completed to either confirm or dispute the findings and sensitivity ratings of the screening tool.	Please refer to Section 4, table 4-1 of the EIA Report

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	<p>Site sensitivity verifications for all the identified specialist studies (according to the screening tool) must be provided. It is the responsibility of the EAP to confirm the list of specialist assessments provided by the screening tool and to motivate in the assessment report, the reason for not including any of the identified specialist study including the provision of photographic evidence of the site situation. The site sensitivity verification for each of the recommended studies, as per the protocols, must be compiled and attached. If the findings of the site verification differed from the screening tool and was found to be of a different sensitivity level, then a compliance statement would be acceptable.</p>	
	<p>h) Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and were necessary, include further expertise advice.</p>	<p>Please refer to response above.</p>
	<p>i) If no wake effect assessment is to be included, please include a motivation thereof.</p>	<p>No wake effect assessment required, as there are currently no neighbouring wind farms within the project area (35 km).</p>
	<p>j) It is highly emphasised that specialist assessments are done in the correct season to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the environment.</p>	<p>Please refer to Volume II – Specialist Reports</p>
	<p>k) It is noted in the Comments and Responses report, Page xxix, that no offset is planned for the development. However, 'a research and stewardship programme to protect the riverine rabbit following the offset guidelines needs to be developed.' Further information must be provided once the specialist assessments provide deeper understanding into their distribution in the area.</p>	<p>Wording has been amended to align with terminology defined in the national offset guidelines. The restoration of modified habitat was the original intention, i.e, as part of the mitigation hierarchy. This would result in a low negative or positive residual impact and therefore no offsets as</p>

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	<p>I) A biodiversity offset investigation must be employed if the proposed development has RESIDUAL MEDIUM to HIGH impact i.e., after the mitigation hierarchy has been exhausted. Please consult the National Offset Guideline. The offset plan must include stakeholder engagement, definitive goals, timeframes, budget responsibilities and management requirements. It must also include a monitoring and reporting plan to assess the effectiveness of the offset. Any offset considerations must include Should an offset plan need to be compiled, note that a final offset plan must be submitted with the final EIAr.</p> <p>7. Cumulative Assessment</p>	<p>contemplated by the guidelines are considered applicable.</p> <p>The residual impact would not be medium or high after the mitigation hierarchy has been exhausted- it will be low or positive following rehabilitation</p>
	<p>Should there be any other similar projects within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be refined to indicate the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 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. ii) 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. 	<p>An assessment of cumulative impacts, including significance ratings, has been included in Section 4.3.3 and Section 11 of the EIA Report. The actual development footprint of the nearby Renewable Energy developments could not be easily quantified or accessed spatially. For example, the National Renewable Energy EIA Application Database contains the land parcels, and not the footprint. Nonetheless, it is believed that the assessment of cumulative impacts has been adequately captured in this Draft EIA Report.</p>

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	<p>iii) The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.</p> <p>iv) A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.</p>	<p>Detailed process flow and proof of the assessments have been included in the individual independent specialist reports.</p> <p>The need and desirability of the proposed project takes into account the cumulative impacts of surrounding developments of the area.</p> <p>A statement of the cumulative impacts of the proposed development has been included in the report.</p>
	<p>8. Environmental Management Programme</p>	
	<p>A final construction and operational phase EMPr that includes mitigation and monitoring measures must be submitted with the final EIAR.</p> <p>It is drawn to your attention that for substation and overhead electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure, when such facilities trigger activity 11 or 47 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014, as amended, and any other listed and specified activities necessary for the realisation of such facilities, the generic Environmental Management Programme, must be signed and submitted with the final report over and above the EMPr for the facility.</p> <p>Further to the above, you are required to comply with the content of the EMPr in terms of Appendix 4 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>The generic EMPr for the development of a substation has been appended to the EMPr submitted with the Draft EIA Report.</p>

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	<p>b) The EMPr must consider the following, and where possible, include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An alien invasive 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. • 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. • An avifauna monitoring and management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility. This plan must be drafted by a suitably qualified avifauna specialist. • 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. • An open space management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility. • 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 -up areas so as not to disturb existing retail and commercial operations. <p>A transportation plan for the transport of components, main assembly cranes and other large pieces of equipment.</p>	<p>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.</p>

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	<p>A storm water 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.</p> <p>A fire management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
	<p>The EAP must provide detailed motivation if any of the above requirements is not required by the proposed development and not included in the EMPr.</p>	<p>Contradicting recommendations were provided by specialists. Specialists' recommendations have been considered and included Section 13 of the Draft EIA Report to be included in EA and / or in the EMPr for implementation.</p>

TABLE 6.2 RESPONSES TO COMMENTS ON FSR

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<p>6 May 2024</p> <p>Brandon Layman</p> <p>Western Cape Government – Department of Agriculture</p> <p>ATTACHMENT: SKM_C250i24050615310.pdf</p>	<p>Att: Khosi Ngema DRAFT SCOPING REPORT PROPOSED KHOE WIND ENERGY FACILITY: DIVISION WORCESTER REMAINDER OF PORTION 1 OF THE FARM EENDRAGT NO 38 PORTION 3 OF THE FARM EENDRAGT NO 38 PORTION 11 OF THE FARM EENDRAGT NO 38 FARM NO 193 REMAINDER OF THE FARM EENDRAGT NO 37 Your application of February 2024 has reference. Please refer to comments from our Western Cape Department of Agriculture: Land-Care Cape Winelands office dated 07 February 2024 attached. Please note: Kindly quote the above-mentioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application. The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on the information received.</p>	
<p>6 May 2024</p> <p>Brandon Layman</p> <p>Western Cape Government – Department of Agriculture</p> <p>ATTACHMENT: SKM_C250i24050615430.pdf</p>	<p>Att: Khosi Ngema Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Khoe Wind Energy Facility near De Dooms, Western Cape The purpose of this report is to provide comment on the proposed development on behalf of The Western Cape Department of Agriculture, Directorate: Sustainable Resource Use and Management, Sub-Programme: LandCare. 1. Farm Details Applicant: FE Hugo & Khoe (Pty) Ltd</p>	

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	<p>Farm Owner(s): Sandvlei Trust, JH le roux & SML le Roux Farm Name: Farm Eendragt & Farm Plaas 193 Location: The proposed Khoe WEF is located near De Dooms within the Langeberg Local Municipality in the Western Cape Province. Property: RE/1 /38, 3/38, 11 /38, 193 & RE/37</p> <p>2. Legislative Context As per the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act: Act 43 of 1983 (CARA) regulations, the landowner and/or user should: Protect the cultivated land on his farm unit effectively against excessive soil loss as a result of erosion through the action of water and wind. Protect the irrigated land on his farm unit effectively against waterlogging and salinization. Not utilize the vegetation in a vlei, marsh or water sponge or within the flood area of a watercourse or within 10 meters horizontally outside flood area in a manner that causes or may cause the deterioration of or damage to the natural agricultural resources. Should not develop any slopes more than 20% grade unless authorized in writing by the executive officer. Remove and control all declared weeds and invasive plants as listed in Regulation 15, Table 3.</p> <p>3. Observations/Discussion Environmental Resource Management Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd ('ERM') has been appointed by FE Hugo & Khoe (Pty) Ltd to act as the independent environmental impact assessment practitioner [EAP] to undertake the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process for Environmental Authorization, as stated in the Draft Scoping Report. FE Hugo and Khoe (Pty) Ltd is applying for an Environmental Authorization to construct and operate the Khoe Wind Energy Facility (WEF) with a capacity of up to 290 MW and a lifespan of 20-25years. The grid connection is to be assessed in a separate application process. The development footprint of the proposed site will be up to 85 ha. The final total will be finalized after the public</p>	

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	<p>participation process has been completed. A site visit may be conducted later in the EIA process.</p> <p>The proposed development will comprise of the following infrastructure:</p> <p>Up to 38 wind turbines with a maximum tip height of up to 250 m and a rotor diameter of up to 200m.</p> <p>Each turbine will have a capacity of up to 7.5MW</p> <p>A transformer at the base of each turbine.</p> <p>Concrete turbine foundations approximately up to 1 000m² per turbine</p> <p>Each turbine will have a hardstand area of approximately up to 7500m² per turbine</p> <p>Temporary laydown areas (with a footprint of up to 9 ha) which will accommodate the boom erection, storage and assembly area.</p> <p>Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) (with a footprint of up to approximately 5 ha).</p> <p>Cabling between the turbines, to be laid underground where practical.</p> <p>One on-site substations of up to 2.5 ha in extent to facilitate the connection between the WEF and the electricity grid.</p> <p>Access roads to the site and between project components inclusive of stormwater infrastructure. A 13.5 m road corridor may be temporarily impacted upon during construction and rehabilitated to 8m wide after construction.</p> <p>A temporary site camp establishment and concrete batching plants (with a combined footprint of up to 1 ha).</p> <p>Operation and Maintenance (O&M) buildings (with a combined footprint of up to 1 ha) including a gate house, security building, control centre, offices, warehouses, a workshop and visitor's centre</p> <p>The property is currently used for the grazing of livestock, approximately 11 ha for cultivating wheat and 1.6ha for planted pastures, as can be seen from Cape Farm Mapper Version 3. The preferred alternative for the substation, BESS, OM and laydown area is situated on fallow land. Turbines 5, 6, 14, 9 and 10 are also</p>	

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	<p>situated on fallow land. Turbine 31 is situated between old fields. A desk-top study informs the recommendations made below.</p> <p>4. Comments/Recommendations</p> <p>4.1. After the construction phase of the WEF, the new impermeable hard surfaces will have runoff generated from it. The hard standing foundations also impede the normal flow of the surface and subsurface water. The areas must be monitored for signs of erosion and waterlogging and mitigation measures must be implemented to reduce these risks. Such mitigation measures, among others, would include the installation of drainage pipes that would reduce the risk of waterlogged areas around the turbine foundation. This may be especially necessary for turbines 5, 6, 14, 9 and I Oas it is situated on fallow land having a lower altitude as well as for the preferred alternative for the substation, laydown area, BESS and OM. The same principle applies to the establishment of new roads or access routes. The proposed new access road to the turbines would be crossing the natural drainage lines of the drainage basin. The Department, therefore, requests that a detailed water run-off control plan be developed and implemented.</p> <p>4.2. The Western Cape Department of Agriculture has no objection to the proposed Wind Energy Facility on condition that the agricultural activities takes place on a continuous basis throughout all phases of the project.</p> <p>4.3. Clear communication must be established between the farmer and the applicant so that the project activities do not interfere with the day-to-day farming operations.</p> <p>4.4. Should the waterlogged areas become a problem the farmer/landowner may contact the Local LandCare office for assistance in this regard.</p> <p>4.5. Further comment will be provided once more information becomes available and a site visit has been conducted, should it be required.</p>	

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<p>6 May 2024</p> <p>Brandon Layman</p> <p>Western Cape Government – Department of Agriculture</p>	<p>Hi Khosi Ngema Please find attach comments from the WCDoA: LUM. With many thanks and kind regards Brandon Layman</p>	<p>Good day Thank you for your comment, these have been taken into consideration into the EMPr.</p>
<p>6 May 2024</p> <p>Brandon Layman</p> <p>Western Cape Government – Department of Agriculture</p> <p>ATTACHMENT – SKM_C250I24050615280.pdf</p>	<p>Att: Khosi Ngema DRAFT SCOPING REPORT PROPOSED HUGO WIND ENERGY FACILITY: DIVISION WORCESTER REMAINDER OF THE FARM OU KRAAL NO 145 REMAINDER OF THE FARM STINKFONTEINS BERG NO 147 REMAINDER OF THE FARM DTINKFONTEIN NO 172 FARM DRIEHOEK NO 173 REMAINDER OF THE FARM PRESENTS KRAAL NO 174 PORTION 9 OF THE FARM HELPMEKAAR NO 148 Your application of February 2024 has reference. Please refer to comments from our Western Cape Department of Agriculture: Land-Care Cape Winelands office dated 07 February 2024 attached. Please note: Kindly quote the above-mentioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application. The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on the information received.</p>	

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<p>6 May 2024</p> <p>Brandon Layman</p> <p>Western Cape Government – Department of Agriculture</p> <p>ATTACHMENT – Official comments from DoA-Hugo WEF.pdf</p>	<p>Att: Khosi Ngema Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Hugo Wind Energy Facility near De Doorns, Western Cape The purpose of this report is to provide comment on the proposed development on behalf of The Western Cape Department of Agriculture, Directorate: Sustainable Resource Use and Management, Sub-Programme: LandCare.</p> <p>1. Farm Details Farm Owner: FE Hugo & Khoe (Pty) Ltd Farm Name: Dirk Uys Boerdery (Pty) Ltd (9/148) & Blue Dot Prop 424 (Pty) Ltd Location: Approximately 33.5 km southeast of De Doorns within the Breede Valley Local Municipality and the Cape Winelands District Municipality. Property: RE/145, RE/147, RE/172, 173, 174 & 9/148</p> <p>2. Legislative Context As per the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act: Act 43 of 1983 (CARA) regulations, the landowner and/or user should: Protect the cultivated land on his farm unit effectively against excessive soil loss as a result of erosion through the action of water and wind. Protect the irrigated land on his farm unit effectively against waterlogging and salinization. Not utilize the vegetation in a vlei, marsh or water sponge or within the flood area of a watercourse or within 10 meters horizontally outside flood area in a manner that causes or may cause the deterioration of or damage to the natural agricultural resources. Should not develop any slopes more than 20% grade unless authorized in writing by the executive officer. Remove and control all declared weeds and invasive plants as listed in Regulation 15, Table 3.</p> <p>3. Observations/Discussion Environmental Resource Management Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd ('ERM') has been appointed by FE Hugo & Khoe (Pty) Ltd to act as</p>	

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<p>14 May 2024</p> <p>Marius Reitz</p> <p>LBF Observatory</p>	<p>Dear Sadiya,</p> <p>Thank you for your reply. Can you please let me know when the draft EIA will become available for public participation?</p> <p>Kind Regards Marius Reitz</p>	<p>Hi Marius,</p> <p>Yes you will be notified once the Draft EIA becomes available for public participation.</p> <p>Kind Regards</p>
<p>26 June 2024</p> <p>Lina Grube</p> <p>Wirleben.de</p>	<p>Good day,</p> <p>please find attached our signed registration and comment sheet. On this note, I find it quite disturbing that we, Drie Kuilen Nature Reserve, are mentioned several times in various reports and assessments about the planned wind farm but have never been contacted. Instead we had to do our own research just to figure out what exactly is planned in our area. Only one person ever visited our site to do a "visual assessment", that is how we heard about the project.</p> <p>I will appreciate more transparency and communication in future.</p> <p>Since Drie Kuilen has never been part of investigations I have strong doubts about the truthfulness of some report. Mainly the</p>	<p>Good day Lina,</p> <p>Thank you for your response.</p> <p>Kindly note that site notices were placed along site boundary as well as within the area – kindly see attached report.</p> <p>Regarding the Verreux eagle nest, this is currently inactive, and an appropriate buffer has been implemented to avoid encroachment.</p>

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	<p>avian report that states no breeding Verreaux eagles, no nesting owls, no resident black harriers. This is imply wrong, we have all of them and our breeding pair of Verreaux eagle with a juvenile in March is a huge problem for the proposed farm as these are moving within the 5.4km radius – even breeding in that area. We also have three different owls on the property, a breeding pair as well, various bats and a very long bird list. This is crucial to any deicision but unfortunately the avian report did not inculde our property or shares the same knowledge.</p> <p>We are a protected area with 4.300ha untouched nature and protected game. We finance our conservation due to tourism and accommodation. The building phase of the wind farm will heavily affect our business due to road damage, blockages, etc. and once the turbines are up we are concerned about the visual effects of the historic and remote klein karoo. The Nougaspoort corridor has been working hard in the past years with Montagu-Ashton and Touwsrivier tourism associations to become better known and push the tourism, organize bicycle tours and establish a route of remote places. After COVID hit it took us all a while do develop this strong tourism section in our mountain range and finally this year we’re feeling the tourism number picking up. That stretches from Leeuwenbosch, Kopbeenskloof, Huizen, Gecko Rock, Rooikrans, Desert Wind...</p> <p>All of us rely on the acces via R318 and the gravel corridor. I am a family member of the owners and manage our reserve for my family. There are two managers on the ground, Stefan and Elena Short as well as our team. I am looking forward to hear back from you soon. Best regards, Lina Grube</p>	<p>We appreciate your response, and you will be notified once the Draft EIA becomes available.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Kind Regards</p>

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<p>2 July 2024</p> <p>Annelize Harmse</p> <p>Transnet</p>	<p>Good Morning The attached Notification is for your further attention and comments, please. Regards Annelize Harmse</p>	
<p>2 July 2024</p> <p>Brandon Layman</p> <p>Western Cape Government</p>	<p>Hi Mr. Khoe Please note that this office is bound by the government filing system which is currently in physical file format as approved by the Auditor General. The transition to electronic filing is slow and must be according to government protocols. The provincial department responsible for our electronic storage/filing etc. is in process to develop that. As solution to the cost of printing hard copies and lack of electronic filing system on our side (as discussed above) we decided the best option is to give you as consultants the option for a CD or USB as alternative to hard copy. The main difference between a CD or USB is storage. A hard copy, CD or USB is the "store". Email or we-transfer needs to be printed to be stored physically as we do not have an approved filing system available in the cloud or other network. CD or USB we can still put on a physical file. With many thanks and kind regards Brandon Layman</p>	<p>Good day, Kindly note the hard copies of the Scoping reports were sent previously.</p> <p>Thank you</p>

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<p>3 July 2024</p> <p>Dirk Uys</p> <p>Breede</p>	<p>Dear Sadiya Salie, Thank you for your Notification of the Submission of the Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Hugo and Khoe WEF to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment. Kind regards. Dirk Uys 03/07/2024</p>	
<p>10 July 2024</p> <p>Nrateng Mashiloane</p> <p>Aviation Environmental Compliance Department</p>	<p>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.</p>	
<p>12 July 2024</p> <p>Rhett Smart</p> <p>Cape Nature</p>	<p>Dear Sadiya I did not note any public participation documents or comments and response report on the website as part of the Final Scoping Report for submission. We are interested to know how our comments are being addressed. Regards Rhett</p>	<p>Hi Rhett,</p> <p>As per Legislation, it is not a requirement to upload the Final Scoping for review, only notification of FSR submission to DFFE is required.</p> <p>I have attached the CRR for your perusal.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>

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<p>12 July 2024</p> <p>Rhett Smart</p> <p>Cape Nature</p>	<p>Hi Sadiya</p> <p>Yes you are correct – we are aware that the final versions of reports do not need to be released for public participation. Thank you for providing us with the comments and response reports.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Rhett</p>	
<p>7 August 2024</p> <p>Heinn Havinga</p> <p>PSG</p>	<p>Good day Sadiya</p> <p>Can you please confirm that my objection against the project has been noted and added to the report.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Heinn Havinga</p> <p>Wealth Manager</p>	<p>Hi Heinn,</p> <p>Your reponse has been included in the comments and response report.</p> <p>You will be notified once the Draft EIA becomes available for Public review.</p> <p>Kind Regards</p>

RESPONSES RECEIVED ON DRAFT SCOPING REPORT SUBMITTED ON THE 29 FEBRUARY 2024

TABLE 6.3 REPOSENS TO COMMENTS FROM I&APS

Date of comment, format of comment, name of organisation / I&AP	Comment	Response from EAP / Applicant / Specialist
<p>17 April 2024</p> <p>Leeuwenboschfontein Observatory</p> <p>Marius Reitz</p>	<p>Leeuwenboschfontein Observatory is an astronomical observatory that will be impacted by the windfarm development. The windfarm and support structures will cause potential light pollution and create a light dome that will affect our astronomical observation.</p>	<p>. Please note, the observatory will be included as a visual receptor and impacts to be assessed during the EIA Phase.</p>
<p>17 April 2024</p> <p>Porcupine Peak Guest Farm</p> <p>Robin Mackinnon</p>	<p>I would like confirmation of the boundaries for portion 1 and 2 of 38 as well as 3 of 37. My farm is "Portion 6 (Portion of Portion 2) of 38" plus "Remainder of the farm Koenies Kraal No. 55" From your map above it seems there may be an error related to the boundaries</p>	<p>HI Robin,</p> <p>Turbine 20 is situated ~100m from the farm boundary of RE/38. This is to cover the blade length from the neighbouring farm and adherent to the land use scheme of the respective local municipality.</p> <p>The affected farm – 2/38 – forms part of the facility, and an agreement is in place with the landowner. Similarly, all farm boundaries aka cadastre used to delineate the farms were sourced from the surveyors general office.</p> <p>Can you please verify coordinates of position B.</p>

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<p>29 April 2024</p> <p>RE Farm De braak Montagu</p> <p>Mrs Hester Kuhn</p>	<p>Damage to infrastructure surrounding Wind Farm during the process of erecting the Wind farms</p> <p>2) Aesthetically unpleasing</p> <p>3) Noise pollution (aerodynamic noise/vortex and mechanical noise</p> <p>4) Shadow flickers</p> <p>5) Wildlife: flying animals (currently there is a pair of endangered eagles in the mountains with fledglings, Blue crane birds, migrating ducks and geese, owls, bats , crows and hawks.</p> <p>6) Disturbance to Fona and Flora</p> <p>7) Affecting tourism, which thies area highly relies on</p> <p>8) Lightning and fire damages to turbines</p> <p>9) Wind-turbine syndrome due to possible fluctuations in air pressure, vibrations and infrasound - further research still undergoing but can't with 100% be disregarded</p>	<p>Hi Hester,</p> <p>Thank you for your response.</p> <p>Your comments have been taken into account. You will be notified once EIA become available.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>
<p>6 May 2024</p> <p>Brandon Layman</p> <p>Western Cape Government – Department of Agriculture</p>	<p>Hi Khosi Ngema</p> <p>Please find attach comments from the WCDoA: LUM.</p> <p>With many thanks and kind regards</p> <p>Brandon Layman</p>	<p>Good day</p> <p>Thank you for your comment, these have been taken into consideration into the EMPr.</p>

TABLE 6.4 RESPONSES TO COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Date of comment, format of comment, name of organisation / I&AP	Comment	Response from EAP / Applicant / Specialist
<p>07 March 2024</p> <p>Email</p> <p>Department of Environmental Affairs and Planning (Thea Jordan, Adri La Meyer)</p>	<p>Dear Sadiya, I hope you are well. The email received from my colleague refers. Please be advised that I am responsible for collating this Department’s comments on all applications where the DFFE or DMRE are the competent authority. It is therefore imperative that my name be added to the I&AP register for both applications and that I be informed of all future DMRE/DFFE applications please. Please also include my director, Ms Thea Jordan, on your I&AP list for all such applications. I note that your email is specific only to the Khoe WEF, but I note that your website also contains an updated DSR for the Hugo WEF. Do you require comments on both or only for Khoe WEF? We have already provided comments on the lapsed applications, and since the scope of the development proposals have not changed, we will not be providing additional or new comments on the new DSR(s). Our previous comments therefore remain valid and should be construed as comments on the new DSR(s). Would you please notify me when the FSRs are accepted by the DFFE and when the Draft EIA Reports are available for comments please Please acknowledge receipt of this email. Kind regards, Adri</p>	<p>Hi Adri, Thank you for your response. Yes, we do require comments on both Hugo and Khoe, albeit the scope for both Hugo and Khoe remain the same. We acknowledge that previous comments made remain valid. We will update the I&AP database accordingly and will notify you once the Draft EIA Report becomes available for public comment. Thank you, Kind Regards Sadiya</p>
<p>09 February 2024</p> <p>Letter received via Email</p> <p>Department of Environmental Affairs and</p>	<p>The email notification of 08 January 2024 informing interested and affected parties (“I&APs”) of the availability of the Draft Scoping Report (“DSR”), the follow-up email of 17 January 2024 reminding I&APs of the deadline for comments on the DSR, the Department’s email to the environmental assessment practitioner (“EAP”) on 18 January 2024 requesting proof of notification, and the email response received from the EAP on the same day, refer.</p> <p>The Department apologises for submitting its comments one day after the commenting period and expresses its appreciation to the EAP for allowing the time extension. Please find consolidated comment from various directorates within the Department on the DSR and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) dated December 2023 that was available for download from the website of the EAP.</p>	

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<p>Planning (Thea Jordan, Adri La Meyer)</p>	<p>The site is mapped to contain Matjiesfontein Shale Renosterveld, Matjiesfontein Quartzite Fynbos and North & South Langeberg Sandstone Fynbos. These vegetation types are classified as having an ecosystem status of least concern. Please be advised that if no endangered or critically endangered vegetation will be cleared, Activity 12 of Listing Notice 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) will not be triggered by the proposed development. (Note that no bioregional plan has been adopted for the Western Cape).</p>	<p>This has been noted. The Application Form has been amended to remove this activity accordingly.</p>
	<p>Please further be advised that Activity 14 of Listing Notice 3 will not be triggered by the proposed development since no systematic biodiversity plans or bioregional plans have been adopted by the competent authority.</p>	<p>This has been noted. The Application Form has been amended to remove this activity accordingly.</p>
	<p>It is noted that Activity 14 of Listing Notice 1 is being applied for; however, the total storage capacity of the dangerous goods to be stored in containers has not been provided. This must be indicated in the Draft EIA Report.</p>	<p>Details on the total storage capacity of dangerous good to be stored will be provided in Draft EIA Report.</p>
	<p>Note that the onus is on the EAP to provide a clear motivation how the listed activities identified are applicable to the proposed development.</p>	<p>To ensure that all Listed Activities that could potentially be applicable to this proposal are covered by the Environmental Authorisation, a precautionary approach is followed when identifying listed activities, that is, if an activity could potentially be part of the proposed development, it is listed. Motivations as to the applicability of the listed activities has been provided accordingly.</p>
	<p>The proposed development will include the storage of dangerous goods in containers; however, the impacts associated with the storage of dangerous goods have not been identified to be assessed as part of the environmental impact reporting ("EIR") phase. This must be</p>	<p>To be assessed further during the EIA phase of the project.</p>

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	addressed in the Final Scoping Report (“FSR”) and where applicable, the Plan of Study for EIA.	
	It is noted that the preliminary specialist findings identified the potential impacts associated with the proposed development and concluded that the application process can proceed to the EIR phase for further assessment, which in turn will further inform the preferred layout.	This statement is noted.
	A site development plan/ layout that reflects all the components of the proposed development, including buffer and no-go areas, as required in terms of Appendix 3(1)(I)(ii) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) must be included in the Draft EIA Report. Further note that the co-ordinates of the wind turbines and the start, middle, and end co-ordinates of the roads must be included in the Draft EIA Report.	<p>A comprehensive site layout plan reflecting no-go areas (according to specialists studies) will be included in the Draft EIA report.</p> <p>Additionally, co-ordinates of the wind turbines and the start, middle, and end co-ordinates of the roads will be included in the Draft EIA Report.</p>
	It is recommended that the need for additional licences and permits be confirmed during this application process and not once it is concluded, as this could have a direct impact on the preferred alternative, if authorised.	<p>As detailed in the FSR, depending on the final design of the Hugo WEF and associated infrastructure, there may be a requirement for the following additional permits / authorisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity Permits in terms of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (Act No 10 of 2004) (NEMBA); • Waste Management License/s as required by the NEMA, Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008); • Water Use Licenses as required by the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) (NWA); and • Heritage License in term of the National Heritage Resources Act 25 of 1999.

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		<p>These permits will be applied for should the project be authorised and be selected as a preferred bidder.</p>
	<p>It is noted that the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) is applicable to the proposed development. It is further noted that an application for either a water use licence ("WUL") or a general authorisation ("GA") will be submitted once a decision has been taken on the application for environmental authorisation. Please be advised that confirmation of the process to be followed must be obtained and be included in the FSR or Draft EIA Report. Further note that comment from the relevant water use authority must be included in the Draft EIA Report.</p>	<p>It is noted that the aquatic assessment found aquatic resources within the project area and thus a Water Use Authorisation (at least in terms of Section 21c and 21i) will be required. As per the protocol for all projects under the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPPP), the submission of the Water Use License Application to the Department of Water and Sanitation is contingent upon the project securing "Preferred Bidder" status. Details on the process to be followed for the application of the Water Use Authorisation will be included in the Draft EIA report. Comments from the Department of Water and Sanitation will be included in the Draft EIA report if received.</p>
	<p>Comments must be obtained from all the relevant state departments and organs of state during the application process, to ensure that any potential concerns are timeously highlighted, and adequately assessed and addressed before the application is finalised.</p>	<p>Key Provincial Authorities were included in the PPP and provided with the DSR summary and access to the full DSR documentation, which also included a map depicting the project area and relevant geographical areas.</p> <p>The key provincial authorities included:</p> <p>Comments Received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage Western Cape (HWC). • Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP). • Western Cape Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CapeNature. • Civil Aviation Authority. <p>No Comments Received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism. • Western Cape Department of Roads and Public Works. • Western Cape Economic Development and Tourism. • Western Cape Government: Department of Transport and Public Works.
	<p>The proposed wind turbines and associated infrastructure/structures must be micro-sited during the EIR phase to avoid any no-go, very high and high sensitivity areas, and to address constraints identified by the various specialists. This includes, inter alia, wind turbines 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 12 that fall within the Matroosberg Mountain Catchment Area; turbines predominately in the south located on steep slopes, mountains tops and tall hills which are marked as having a very high and high sensitivity, respectively; turbines located within the 3km buffer of the Drie Kuilen Private Nature Reserve; 1km buffer of scenic roads and 500m of homesteads.</p>	<p>Further studies during the EIA phase will inform the final layout, which will inform the relocation of turbines and associated infrastructure to avoid high sensitivity and no-go areas.</p>
	<p>It is not clear why the applicant has not refined the preliminary layout map earlier when the results of the scoping specialist studies were received, instead of refining it at the EIR phase, which may result in a reduced number of turbines or contracted capacity. The mitigation hierarchy must be followed, with avoidance of impacts being the primary goal.</p>	<p>This is noted. The results obtained from the scoping and EIA phases will be used to inform the final layout plan to ensure a comprehensive approach. This is to avoid reworking the layout plan at a later stage.</p>

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	<p>Section 5.6, page 50 of the DSR states that there are 3 protected areas within the study area, namely the Cape Floral Region Protected Area, Touw Local Nature Reserve and Drie Kuilen Private Nature Reserve. Note that the Cape Floral Region is also a World Heritage Site. The Matroosberg Mountain Catchment Area is also a Protected Area and must be included in section 5.6.</p>	<p>FSR updated, making reference to the Matroosberg Catchment Area as a protected area within the study area.</p>
	<p>Please provide a site layout map indicating the location of the proposed wind turbines and associated infrastructure/structures overlaid on the protected areas in the study area.</p>	<p>This map has been included into Volume I, of the Draft Scoping Report</p>
	<p>According to the Animal Species Specialist Scoping Report compiled by ERM dated 29 November 2023, camera traps detected and recorded the endangered Riverine Rabbit within the proposed development area. The position of the camera trap locations (Figure 3) should be superimposed on the proposed layout plan to indicate whether any of the proposed wind turbines or associated infrastructure are located near or within Riverine Rabbit habitat. No wind turbines, associated infrastructure or structures should be allowed near of within this species' habitat.</p>	<p>A layout map reflecting the positions of the camera traps has been developed and included in the Appendices under Volume I, Appendix B of the FSR.</p>
	<p>The specialist assessments and the Draft EIA Report must provide a map and an assessment of cumulative impacts for all renewable energy projects within at least a 30km radius of the proposed site. The cumulative assessment must also assess both the impacts of the proposed Khoe and Hugo wind energy facilities ("WEFs").</p>	<p>Four (4) renewable energy developments have been approved within 30 km of the proposed development area, all of which being solar photovoltaic (PV) developments. The existing 44 MW Touwsrivier CPV Solar Project is situated on 190 ha to the northeast of the proposed WEF development.</p> <p>A map of the approved renewable energy projects within 30km of the proposed development will be included in the Draft EIA report.</p>

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		<p>A preliminary assessment of cumulative impacts has been made in the FSR and will be assessed further in the EIA Phase.</p>
	<p>Please further ensure that the specialist assessments include a cumulative assessment of the same renewable energy projects. For example, the Animal Species Specialist Scoping Report refers to 4 solar photovoltaic ("PV") developments within 30km of the proposed development area, whereas the Heritage Scoping Report compiled by The Energy Team (Pty) Ltd dated 23 November 2023 refers to two approved solar PV developments and 1 WEF within 30km of the proposed site. It is recommended that the EAP provide all the specialists with the latest information on the approved and proposed renewable energy facilities to ensure consistency. Kindly also be informed of the proposed 110MW Ezelsjacht solar PV facility proposed on Portion 6 of the Farm Ratelbosch No. 149, De Doorns. This application is at the FSR stage.</p>	<p>All Specialists have been provided with the Screening Tool Report. As per the Screening Tool Report, a total of 4 approved renewable energy projects are located within 30km of the proposed development. This has been noted and accounted for in the specialist assessments.</p>
	<p>It is noted that several solar (concentrating and PV) facilities are approved and proposed within 30km radius of the proposed site. The section on alternatives (section 6) does not indicate why the applicant has opted for wind energy as opposed to solar energy. It is recommended that the forthcoming Draft EIA Report provide a description why the WEF is the preferred renewable energy technology alternative.</p>	<p>A motivation as to why a wind energy facility as opposed to a solar energy facility is preferred will be included in the Draft EIA report as recommended.</p>
	<p>In terms of the environmental legal framework (section 3) and policies in support of renewable energy (section 8.2), please add the the National Climate Change Response White Paper (2011) as well the Western Cape Climate Change Response Strategy: Vision 2050 (2022). This Strategy can be downloaded from</p>	<p>The FSR has been updated, referencing the mentioned policies.</p>

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	<p>https://www.westerncape.gov.za/assets/departments/environmental-affairsdevelopment-planning/wcccrs_vision_2050_march_2022.pdf</p>	
	<p>It is further recommended that the FSR and/or Draft EIA Report indicate how the proposed development aligns with the emerging long-term plan of the Integrated Resource Plan (2019).</p>	<p>This is noted and will be included in the Draft EIA.</p>
	<p>It is noted that the proposal triggers section 38(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999) and that a Notification of Intent to develop ("NID") has been submitted to Heritage Western Cape ("HWC") on 24 November 2023. Ideally, comment from HWC on the NID should have been obtained prior to release of the DSR as their comments would inform the relevant heritage related specialist studies to be undertaken during the EIR phase. It is however recognised that all the relevant heritage (including visual) related aspects have been considered for further impact assessment.</p>	<p>According to HWC, a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) that satisfies the provisions of Section 38(3) of the NHRA needs to be undertaken. Furthermore, HWC included a list of activities/recommendations that would need to be considered during the HIA.</p>
	<p>It is not clear from the terms of reference ("ToR") for the EIR phase Aquatic Impact Assessment that a Risk Assessment Matrix will be undertaken to determine whether the proposed water uses can be authorized via a WUL or GA. This should ideally be included in the ToR for the specialist appointment.</p>	<p>A Risk Assessment Matrix will be undertaken and submitted to the Department of Water and Sanitation as part of a separate process (not part of the EIA process), possibly once the project obtains preferred bidder status.</p>
	<p>Cross referencing "Error! Reference source not found" throughout the DSR must be corrected.</p>	<p>Cross referencing updated in FSR.</p>

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	The Executive Summary indicates that a waste management license (“WML”) may be required; however, the DSR does not allude to this. It is assumed that no WML is required.	Given the proposed project description, a WML is not required.
	Reference to the Department of Human Settlement, Water and Sanitation must be replaced with the Department of Water and Sanitation.	The FSR has been updated accordingly.
	The Northern Cape Nature Conservation Act, 2009 (Act No. 9 of 2009) (section 3.12) is not applicable to the project.	The Northern Cape Nature Conservation Act, 2009 have been replaced with Western Cape Biodiversity Act in the FSR.
	Figure 5-11 is incorrectly labelled as the Critical Biodiversity Area of the North West Biodiversity Spatial Plan (2015).	The figure caption has been updated in the FSR.
	The DSR indicates that portable sanitation facilities will be used during the construction phase, but it is unclear what ablution facilities will be used during the operational phase.	To be assessed during EIA phase.
	It is mentioned on page 63 of the DSR that water requirements for the proposed development may be sourced from the landowner’s existing boreholes on the site or from new boreholes that will be drilled. Details such as depth to groundwater, location of the borehole and water right allocation should be furnished in the Draft EIA Report for these existing borehole/s.	Borehole details of the existing boreholes on site will be included in the Draft EIA Report.
	This Directorate supports the Plan of study for EIA and the proposed specialist studies, particularly the Freshwater Impact Assessment to be undertaken, for the identification of sensitive areas to be avoided and the determination of the respective buffers for each identified	Thank you, this comment is acknowledged.

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	<p>aspect. This Directorate will provide further comment on the Draft EIA Report and EMPr.</p>	
	<p>The Screening Tool Report indicated very high sensitivities for, inter alia, the aquatic biodiversity, flicker, landscape, and terrestrial biodiversity themes. Management and mitigation of environmental impacts must be suitably addressed in the respective specialist assessments, Draft EIA Report and the Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr").</p>	<p>This is noted. The specialist assessment will be sure to address this during the EIA phase of the project.</p>
	<p>Acceptable dust rates in terms of the National Dust Control Regulations (Government Notice No. R. 827 of 1 November 2013) promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act No. 39 of 2004) are described in the DSR. It is stated that the Keerom Minor Road suffers from erosion, potholes and dust. Dust suppression is indicated as one of the uses of water at the proposed WEF. Note that non-potable water should be used for this purpose. Dust impacts are also included amongst nuisance impacts associated with construction-related activities. Further, heavy vehicles are expected to cause dust along unpaved access roads during the transportation of various components to the site. Dust mitigation measures or a fugitive dust control plan should be included in the EMPr.</p>	<p>Thank you for this comment. These recommendations will be taken forward into the EIA phase and detailed in the EMPr accordingly.</p>
	<p>This Directorate awaits the EMPr for comment, which must include the prevention and mitigation of all risks and impacts posed by industrial effluents and fuels. A detailed waste management plan must be included in the EMPr.</p>	<p>Thank you, this comment is acknowledged. These recommendations will be included into the EMPr.</p>

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	<p>The construction of roads, turbine hard-stands, roads, laydown areas and site offices will require the removal of currently intact vegetation. Alien invasive vegetation must be removed according to relevant municipal and provincial procedures, guidelines and recommendations, and disposed of at a recognised waste disposal facility. Removed vegetation may not be burned without prior authorisation and the Municipality must be consulted about dealing with such vegetation according to its organic waste diversion plan. This must be addressed in the EMPr.</p>	<p>This has been noted. All applicable Provincial procedures are to be followed regarding vegetation removal. This will be addressed in the EMPr as suggested.</p>
	<p>The Noise Report for Site Sensitivity Verification and Scoping Purposes compiled by Enviro-Acoustic Research cc dated November 2023 lists the applicable legislation pertaining to noise, including the Western Cape Noise Control Regulations (“WCNCR”) promulgated in Provincial Notice 200/2013. Please be advised that in terms of assessing possible impacts from new developments, EIAs, and related applications in the Western Cape Province, the WCNCR (2013) should be used as the benchmark for noise assessments.</p>	<p>This is noted and will be implemented accordingly.</p>
	<p>This Directorate has no further comments on the DSR and awaits the Draft EIA Report for further comments.</p>	<p>Thank you, this comment is acknowledged.</p>
	<p>Please note that this Directorate has a dedicated email address reserved for all EIA related correspondences (DEADP.AQM@westerncape.gov.za). Kindly use this email address for any future correspondence.</p>	<p>This is noted and will be implemented accordingly. Details have also been added to I&AP database.</p>
	<p>Please note that the abovementioned recommendations do not pre-empt the outcome of the application. No information provided, views expressed and/or comments made by this Directorate should in no way be regarded as an indication or confirmation that additional information or documents will not be requested.</p>	<p>Thank you, this comment is acknowledged.</p>

TABLE 6.5 REPOSES TO COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Date of comment, format of comment, name of organisation / I&AP	Comment	Response from EAP / Applicant / Specialist
<p>01 March 2024</p> <p>Email</p> <p>Department of Agriculture (Brandon Layman)</p>	<p>Hi Sadiya Salie</p> <p>Please note that this office is bound by the government filing system which is currently in physical file format as approved by the Auditor General.</p> <p>The transition to electronic filing is slow and must be according to government protocols. The provincial department responsible for our electronic storage/filing etc. is in process to develop that.</p> <p>As solution to the cost of printing hard copies and lack of electronic filing system on our side (as discussed above) we decided the best option is to give you as consultants the option for a CD or USB as alternative to hard copy.</p> <p>The main difference between a CD or USB is storage. A hard copy, CD or USB is the "store". Email or we-transfer needs to be printed to be stored physically as we do not have an approved filing system available in the cloud or other network.</p> <p>CD or USB we can still put on a physical file.</p> <p>With many thanks and kind regards</p> <p>Brandon Layman</p>	<p>Hi Brandon,</p> <p>We have sent a USB, containing both Hugo and Khoe Draft Scoping Reports to the Department last week.</p> <p>Kindly confirm if you have received the USB.</p> <p>Kind Regards Sadiya</p>

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<p>02 May 2024</p> <p>Email</p> <p>Mr. CJ van der Walt</p>	<p>Att: Khosi Ngema DRAFT SCOPING REPORT PROPOSED HUGO WIND ENERGY FACILITY: DIVISION WORCESTER REMAINDER OF THE FARM OU KRAAL NO 145 REMAINDER OF THE FARM STINKFONTEINS BERG NO 147 REMAINDER OF THE FARM DTINKFONTEIN NO 172 FARM DRIEHOEK NO 173 REMAINDER OF THE FARM PRESENTS KRAAL NO 174 PORTION 9 OF THE FARM HELPMEKAAR NO 148 Your application of February 2024 has reference. Please refer to comments from our Western Cape Department of Agriculture: Land-Care Cape Winelands office dated 07 February 2024 attached. please note: Kindly quote the above-mentioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application. The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on the information received. Yours sincerely</p> <p>Mr. CJ van der Walt LANDUSE MANAGER: LANDUSE MANAGEMENT 2024-05-02</p>	
<p>02 May 2024</p> <p>Email</p> <p>Mr. CJ van der Walt</p>	<p>Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Hugo Wind Energy Facility near De Doorns, Western Cape The purpose of this report is to provide comment on the proposed development on behalf of The Western Cape Department of Agriculture, Directorate: Sustainable Resource Use and Management, Sub-Programme: LandCare. Farm Details Farm Owner: FE Hugo & Khoe (Pty) Ltd</p>	

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	<p>Farm Name: Dirk Uys Boerdery (Pty) Ltd (9/148) & Blue Dot Prop 424 (Pty) Ltd Location: Approximately 33.5 km southeast of De Doorns within the Breede Valley Local Municipality and the Cape Winelands District Municipality. Property: RE/145, RE/147, RE/172, 173, 174 & 9/148 Legislative Context As per the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act: Act 43 of 1983 (CARA) regulations, the landowner and/or user should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect the cultivated land on his farm unit effectively against excessive soil loss as a result of erosion through the action of water and wind. • Protect the irrigated land on his farm unit effectively against waterlogging and salinization. • Not utilize the vegetation in a vlei, marsh or water sponge or within the flood area of a watercourse or within 10 meters horizontally outside flood area in a manner that causes or may cause the deterioration of or damage to the natural agricultural resources. • Should not develop any slopes more than 20% grade unless authorized in writing by the executive officer. • Remove and control all declared weeds and invasive plants as listed in Regulation 15, Table 3. <p>Observations/Discussion Environmental Resource Management Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd ('ERM') has been appointed by FE Hugo & Khoe (Pty) Ltd to act as the independent environmental impact assessment practitioner (EAP) to undertake the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process for Environmental Authorization, as stated in the Draft Scoping Report. With a maximum combined output capacity of 360 MW and an anticipated lifespan of 20–25 years, the proposed Hugo WEF will consist of up to 48 turbines, each with an approximate capacity of</p>	

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	<p>7.5 MW. The final total will be finalized after the public participation process has been completed. A site visit may be conducted later in the EIA process.</p> <p>As extracted from the Draft Scoping Report, the proposed development will comprise of the following infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 48 wind turbines with a maximum tip height of up to 250 m and a rotor diameter of up to 200m. • Each turbine with have a capacity of up to 7.5MW • A transformer at the base of each turbine. • Concrete turbine foundations - approximately up to 1000m² per turbine. • Each turbine will have a hardstand of approximately up to 7500m² per turbine. • Temporary laydown areas (with a footprint of up to 9 ha), which will accommodate the boom erection, storage and assembly area. • Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) (with a footprint of up to approximately 5 ha). • Cabling between the turbines, to be laid underground where practical. • One on-site substation of up to 2.5 ha in extent to facilitate the connection between the WEF and the electricity grid. • Access roads to the site and between project components inclusive of stormwater infrastructure. A 13.5 m road corridor may be temporarily impacted upon during construction and rehabilitated to 6m wide after construction. <p>A temporary site camp establishment and concrete batching plants (with a combined footprint of up to 1 ha).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation and Maintenance (O&M) buildings (with a combined footprint of up to 1 ha) including a gate house, security building, control centre, offices, warehouses, a workshop and visitor’s centre. 	

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	<p>The property is currently used for the grazing of livestock, approximately 11ha for cultivating wheat and 1.6ha for planted pastures, as can be seen from Cape Farm Mapper Version 3. The preferred alternative for the substation, BESS, OM and laydown area is situated on fallow land. Turbines 14, 17, 20, 22, 24 and 25 are also situated on fallow land. A desk-top study informs the recommendations made below.</p> <p>Comments/Recommendations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. After the construction phase of the WEF, the new impermeable hard surfaces will have runoff generated from it. The hard standing foundations also impede the normal flow of the surface and subsurface water. The areas must be monitored for signs of erosion and waterlogging and mitigation measures must be implemented to reduce these risks. Such mitigation measures, among others, would include the installation of drainage pipes that would reduce the risk of waterlogged areas around the turbine foundation. This may be especially necessary for turbines 14,17, 20, 22, 24 and 25 as it is situated on fallow land previously cultivated as well as for the preferred alternative for the substation, laydown area, BESS and OM. The same principle applies to the establishment of new roads or access routes. The proposed new access road to the turbines would be crossing the natural drainage lines of the drainage basin. The Department, therefore, requests that a detailed water run-off control plan be developed and implemented. 2. The Western Cape Department of Agriculture has no objection to the proposed Wind Energy Facility on condition that the agricultural activities takes place on a continuous basis throughout all phases of the project. 3. Clear communication must be established between the farmer and the applicant so that the project activities do not interfere with the day-to-day farming operations. 	

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	<p>4. Should the waterlogged areas become a problem the farmer/landowner may contact the Local LandCare office for assistance in this regard.</p> <p>5. Further comment will be provided once more information becomes available and a site visit has been conducted, should it be required.</p>	

TABLE 6.6 REPOSSES TO COMMENTS FROM BREEDE-OLIFANTS CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Date of comment, format of comment, name of organisation / I&AP	Comment	Response from EAP / Applicant / Specialist
<p>04 March 2024</p> <p>Email</p> <p>Breede-Olifants Catchment Management Agency (Elkerine Rossouw)</p>	<p>Good morning</p> <p>Can you please forward a KML or KMZ with the lay-out of the proposed footprint for the wind turbines to enable the CMA to provide comment.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Elkerine Rossouw</p>	<p>Hi Elkerine,</p> <p>Please find attached Kmz file, as requested.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Kind Regards, Sadiya</p>

TABLE 6.7 REPOSSES TO COMMENTS FROM ESKOM

Date of comment, format of comment, name of organisation / I&AP	Comment	Response from EAP / Applicant / Specialist
<p>04 March 2024</p> <p>Email</p> <p>Eskom (Khululwa Gaongalelwe)</p>	<p>Dear Sadiya</p> <p>Kindly share kmz files for this project so that we may check if Eskom infrastructure is affected.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Warm regards Khululwa</p>	<p>Hi Khululwa,</p> <p>Please see attached KMZ, as requested.</p> <p>Kind Regards, Sadiya</p>
<p>05 March 2024</p> <p>Email</p> <p>Eskom (Khululwa Gaongalelwe)</p>	<p>Dear Sadiya</p> <p>Thank you, your project does not affect Transmission Eskom lines. We responded to you on the 22 January 2023.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Warm regards Khululwa</p>	

TABLE 6.8 REPOSSES TO COMMENTS FROM AGRISA

Date of comment, format of comment, name of organisation / I&AP	Comment	Response from EAP / Applicant / Specialist
<p>05 March 2024</p> <p>Email</p> <p>Agrisa (Thea Liebenberg)</p>	<p>Good morning Please send notifications of this nature to janse@agrisa.co.za</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Thea Liebenberg Media Administrator</p>	<p>Dear Stakeholder, This email serves to inform you about the resubmission of the Environmental Application and the Draft Scoping Report for the proposed Hugo Wind Energy Facility and associated infrastructure near De Doorns in the Western Cape Province.</p> <p>All comments received during the previous public participation period noted above will still be considered valid, and will form part of the updated Comments and Responses Report.</p> <p>Stakeholders are re-invited to provide comments on the Draft Scoping Report by responding to this email between 29 February and 02 April 2024. More information on how you are able to participate in this process is attached in the above documentation.</p> <p>Thank you, Kind Regards</p>

TABLE 6.9 REPOSES TO COMMENTS FROM DIRECTLY AFFECTED LANDOWNER

Date of comment, format of comment, name of organisation / I&AP	Comment	Response from EAP / Applicant / Specialist
<p>05 March 2024</p> <p>Email</p> <p>Landowner (Dirk Uys)</p>	<p>Dear Sadiya Salie,</p> <p>Thank you for your letter on the resubmission and please note that my position stays the same as described in my letter to you of 24/01/2024.</p> <p>My appreciation and thank you for the good work done.</p> <p>Kind regards.</p> <p>Dirk Uys</p>	<p>Thank you,</p> <p>Kind Regards Sadiya</p>

TABLE 6.10 REPOSES TO COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND ENVIRONMENT – BIODIVERSITY AND CONSERVATION (THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION)

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<p>05 March 2024</p> <p>Email</p> <p>Department Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) - Biodiversity and Conservation (Tebego Kgaphola)</p>	<p>Good day</p> <p>Kindly note that comments received from the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation still stands.</p> <p>Tebego Kgaphola</p>	<p>Thank you,</p> <p>Kind Regards Sadiya</p>
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TABLE 6.11 REPOSSES TO COMMENTS FROM CAPE NATURE

<p>Date of comment, format of comment, name of organisation / I&AP</p>	<p>Comment</p>	<p>Response from EAP / Applicant / Specialist</p>
<p>27 March 2024</p> <p>Letter received via Email</p> <p>Cape Nature (Rhett Smart)</p>	<p>Dear Sadiya</p> <p>Can you please confirm whether the Draft Scoping Report and appendices are exactly the same as the previous Draft Scoping Report and appendices dated December 2023 which we commented on? I also wish to ask the same question regarding the proposed Khoe Wind Energy Facility application which has the same timeframes.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Rhett</p>	<p>Morning Rhett,</p> <p>Thank you for your email.</p> <p>Please note that the Draft Scoping Report and Appendices for both the Hugo and Khoe Wind Energy Facilities were slightly amended (where applicable) based on the comments received during the January 2024 public comment period.</p> <p>Kind regards, Khosi</p>
<p>02 April 2024</p> <p>Email</p> <p>Cape Nature (Rhett Smart)</p>	<p>CapeNature would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed development and would like to make the following comments. Please note that our comments only pertain to the biodiversity related impacts and not to the overall desirability of the proposed development.</p>	

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	<p>CapeNature provided comment on the previous application for the proposed wind energy facility (WEF) on 7 February 2024 which has since lapsed. The project proposal has not changed from the previous application. and neither have the specialist studies. The previous comments therefore remain relevant and must be referred to. Minor amendments have been made to the Scoping Report in the sections related to the Screening Tool and legislation.</p>	
	<p>Table 4.1 of the Scoping Report has been updated to not only reflect the rating from the Screening Tool, but also the site sensitivity verification by the specialists, as is required in the Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on Identified Environmental Themes (GN 320, GG 43110, March 2020). Full assessments are proposed for each of the ecological themes, namely: terrestrial biodiversity; aquatic biodiversity; plant species; animal species; avifauna (wind); and bats (wind). This includes themes which were rated as low sensitivity in the Screening Tool such as avifauna (wind). Therefore, the site sensitivity verification was not previously interrogated as sufficient information would be available to make an informed decision provided the specialist assessments are adequate.</p>	
	<p>Although the outcome from the site sensitivity verification is supported (i.e. specialist assessments for all themes) we wish to note the following in Table 4.1:</p>	
	<p>For terrestrial biodiversity the table states that the specialist verified the sensitivity as medium, however the conclusion of the specialist assessment states that the Screening Tool rating of very high sensitivity is correct.</p>	<p>We observe the conflicting assessments between the Screening Tool’s sensitivity rating and the concluding specialist sensitivity rating.</p>

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	<p>We also note that Figure 6 of the terrestrial biodiversity assessment indicating the screening tool sensitivity includes a map for the plant species theme as opposed to the terrestrial biodiversity theme.</p> <p>The site ecological importance (SEI) has been presented as the site sensitivity verification. However, the SEI differs from the site sensitivity verification as described in the Species Environmental Assessment Guidelines (SANBI 2020). The site sensitivity verification aims to identify features which are not represented in the Screening Tool and changes in land use, whereas the SEI should be undertaken as part of the assessment.</p>	<p>EAP to amend the specialist sensitivity rating in the Scoping Report to reflect the sensitivity rating of the Specialist.</p> <p>Biodiversity is dominated by plant species found on site. Thus, the plant species sensitivity has been used as a proxy for biodiversity sensitivity.</p> <p>Noted. The heading of Figure 6 has been amended in the Terrestrial Biodiversity Scoping Report to reflect that it shows site ecological importance instead of site sensitivity. The sub-heading of section 3.5 has also been amended from Site Sensitivity to Site Ecological Importance.</p>
	<p>The table states that the specialist sensitivity rating for aquatic biodiversity is low whereas the rating in the Screening Tool rating is very high. However, the specialist report rates the wetlands and a 60 m buffer as high and very high sensitivity, and these areas are included within the study area. The aquatic biodiversity assessment indicates that the impact rating after mitigation is low, however this differs from the site sensitivity verification which is required at the initiation of the specialist study.</p>	<p>The impact ratings are based on the fact that the aquatic features will be avoided as best possible, thus low impacts, as the area is sensitive as shown in the Screening Tool, but not with regard to biodiversity but with regard hydrology. Hydrological impacts are easily mitigated</p>
	<p>Medium sensitivity for the plant species theme is accurately presented. The SEI is however presented as the site sensitivity verification (see discussion above regarding SEI vs site sensitivity).</p>	<p>Noted. The heading of Figure 6 has been amended in the Botanical Scoping Report to reflect that it shows site ecological importance instead of site sensitivity. The sub-heading of section 3.4 has also been amended from Site Sensitivity to Site Ecological Importance.</p>

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	<p>The high sensitivity species for the animal species theme are the birds which are covered in the avifaunal assessment. The SEI for the three key species identified in the animal species assessment has been presented as the sensitivity (see discussion above regarding SEI vs site sensitivity).</p>	
	<p>The avifaunal assessment refers to the Screening Tool rating of high sensitivity, however the avifauna (wind) theme rating is low sensitivity. It is assumed that the assessment is referring to the results from the animal species theme, however as mentioned above, the species flagged as high sensitivity were all birds. The discrepancy lies with the results from the Screening Tool.</p>	<p>The avian (wind) theme only considers vulture colonies within 1km, with no other collision prone species being considered. The Screening Tool rating has been updated to reflect high sensitivity – taking into account results animal species theme.</p>
	<p>It is noted that the bat sensitivity will be verified once the monitoring data is complete. We wish to note that the key habitats form the basis for the bat (wind) theme and should therefore be the basis for the site sensitivity verification.</p>	<p>Noted – key habitats to form basis for site verification</p>
	<p>The legislation section has been updated to include the Western Cape Biodiversity Act which is supported.</p>	
	<p>CapeNature reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received.</p>	

TABLE 6.12 REPONSES TO COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND ENVIRONMENT

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<p>27 March 2024</p> <p>Letter, received via email</p> <p>Department Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) (Lydia Kutu, Sabelo Malaza)</p>	<p>1. Listed Activities</p>	
	<p>a) Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure (including thresholds) as described in the project description. Only activities (and sub-activities) applicable to the development must be applied for and assessed. The physical footprint of the infrastructure in square metres must be provided in support of the applicability of this listed activity/ies.</p>	<p>All relevant listed activities have been included in the FSR (see Section 3.2) have been included into the Application Form. The applicable footprints have also been included accordingly.</p>
	<p>b) Ensure to include thresholds for each activity applied for in the application form. The physical footprint of the infrastructure in square metres/hectares/cubic metres is not mentioned in the application form. As such, you are requested to provide the physical footprint of the infrastructure to motivate the applicability of this listed activity/ies.</p>	<p>The EAP has highlighted the applicable listed activities triggered by the proposed development by indicating the thresholds which have been met. It is important to note, however, that at this stage of the project, the exact physical footprint of the proposed infrastructure has not been finalised.. However, at this stage the legislated thresholds listed in the Application Form and FSR as applicable, and this has been indicated as such.</p>
	<p>c) You are required to confirm whether the competent authority adopts systematic biodiversity plans or bioregional plans. There are certain activities in Listing Notice 3 that requires that systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans.</p>	<p>It has been confirmed by the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development planning (DEADP) through a letter received during the DSR public comment period that, no bioregional plans have been developed for the Western Cape province.</p>
	<p>d) It is imperative that the relevant authorities are continuously involved throughout the environmental impact assessment process, as the development property falls within geographically designated areas in terms of Listing Notice 3 Activities i.e. Critical Biodiversity</p>	<p>Key Provincial Authorities were included in the PPP and provided with access to the full DSR documentation, which also included a map depicting the project area and relevant geographical areas.</p>

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	<p>Areas. Written comments must be obtained from the relevant provincial authority (or proof of consultation if no comments were received) and submitted to this Department.</p>	<p>The key provincial authorities included:</p> <p>Comments Received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage Western Cape (HWC). • Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP). • Western Cape Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development. • South Africa Civil Aviation Authority. <p>No Comments Received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism. • Western Cape Department of Roads and Public Works. • Western Cape Economic Development and Tourism. • Western Cape Government: Department of Transport and Public Works. <p>Proof of consultation has been attached as an Appendix to the FSR.</p>
	<p>e) Only applicable listed activities must be applied for, and the project description must be specific on what is being proposed in the final EIAR.</p>	<p>Refer to Section 3.2 of the FSR where it describes how the listed activities applied for are linked to the project description.</p>
	<p>f) Ensure that the SG codes, farm names and numbers are correct and consistent throughout the reports. Provide this information as well as the coordinates of the proposed development in a separate appendix.</p>	<p>ERM confirms that the SG codes, all farm names, and numbers included in the Application Form and FSR are correct. The SG codes and coordinates have been included as an appendix to the FSR.</p>

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	<p>g) Include the GPS Coordinates for the onsite substation and battery energy storage system (BESS) facility. Coordinates must be in the format as prescribed in the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations, as amended.</p>	<p>ERM confirms that the coordinates for the BESS Substation and onsite substation have been included in Table 1.6 of the FSR. The BESS will be located within the project area, adjacent to the substations.</p>
	<p>h) If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final SR, an amended application form must be submitted. Please note that the Department’s application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms .</p>	<p>The activities listed in the application and FSR do not differ. However, there was a repetition of Activity 4 of Listing Notice 3 in the application form as noted by the DFFE. This repetition has been corrected. The amended application form will be submitted to the DFFE with the FSR.</p>
	<p>2. Layout and Sensitivity Maps a) All available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the final layout map. Existing infrastructure must be used as far as possible, e.g. roads. The layout map must indicate the following:</p>	
	<p>i. Ensure that the titles of the maps are consistent. The preferred layout must be presented in the final layout map.</p>	
	<p>ii. The envisioned area for the wind facility, i.e. final location of turbines and all associated infrastructure including BESS, should be mapped at an appropriate scale.</p>	<p>A preliminary layout map detailing the proposed layout of the facility has been included Section 1 – Figure 1.2 of the FSR. It must be noted however, that a final layout plan can only be provided once all specialist assessments have been completed during the EIA phase.</p>
	<p>iii. All supporting onsite infrastructure such as laydown areas, guard house, BESS, control room, and buildings, including accommodation etc.</p>	

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	<p>iv. All necessary details regarding all locations and sizes of the substations and internal power lines.</p>	
	<p>v. All existing infrastructure on the site, especially internal road infrastructure.</p>	
	<p>vi. Please provide an environmental sensitivity map, if possible, which indicates the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The location of sensitive environmental features on site, e.g., CBAs, protected areas, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure; • Sensitivity Buffer areas; and All “no-go” areas. 	<p>An Environmental Sensitivity map, which includes all sensitive environmental features as recommended, as well as sensitivity buffer areas (no-go) has been included as an Appendix A to Volume I of the FSR. It is also included in Figure 11-12 of the FSR.</p> <p>It should be noted that the bat sensitivity map was produced during the bat scoping phase and although this provides an idea of the sensitivities, the studies are not complete yet. These maps will only be finalised in the final bat monitoring report (during the EIA phase) when all the data has been collected and analysed.</p>
	<p>b) It must be emphasised that the final EIAR must include a final layout map which adheres to specialist recommendations as well as the identified no-go areas and buffer zones. All turbines must be numbered on all submitted maps.</p>	<p>A final layout map will be produced during the EIA, which will adhere to specialist recommendations, no-go areas and buffer zones.</p>

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	<p>c) The above site-specific map must be overlain with a sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring renewable energy developments and existing grid infrastructure. All available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the map and infrastructure must not encroach on highly sensitive areas as far as possible.</p>	<p>This will be produced during the EIA phase.</p>
	<p>d) Google maps will not be accepted for decision-making purposes. Ensure that distinct colours are used on the maps to differentiate features, especially on the sensitivity map. In addition, turbines must be numbered for ease of reference.</p>	<p>All maps generated using Esri ® ArcMap software. No Google Maps are included in the FSR.</p>
	<p>e) Include a description of the process to determine the finalised layout i.e. specialist considerations, site sensitivities etc.</p>	<p>Detailed studies will be undertaken during the EIA phase, whereby the appointed specialists will conduct detailed impact assessments to evaluate how the proposed turbine locations and associated infrastructure could impact the identified sensitive areas. Based on the recommendations provided by the specialists, the developer will implement seasonal restrictions (e.g. curtailment), buffer zones or possibly change the turbine locations and associated infrastructure, in an attempt to avoid sensitivities identified by specialists. A final layout map will then be developed accordingly.</p>
	<p>f) It is noted that Wind Turbine Generators (WTG) 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 12 are located within the Matroosberg Mountain Catchment Area and the placement of these turbines must be reconsidered. Furthermore, turbines should not be located in CBA's.</p>	<p>The locations of the listed WTGs will be shifted to avoid the Matroosberg Mountain Catchment Area.</p>

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	<p>g) It is noted that, according to the Flora Specialist report, turbines 5, 6, 7, 1, 2, 11, 10, 9, 12 are located within a 'No-Go' area and Turbine 41 seems to be within a High Sensitivity Area. The position of these turbines must be reconsidered.</p>	<p>The position of the turbines will be shifted to avoid no-go and high sensitivity areas.</p>
	<p>h) Section 11.9.2 Visual Sensitivities in the draft Scoping report highlights numerous visual sensitivities and their recommended buffers. The turbines occurring within these buffers must be either micro-sited as far as possible or motivated for.</p>	<p>Repositioning of the turbines will affect the forecasted output capacity, and that the turbines are where they are based on the wind source in those areas. Implementing the 1km road buffer will cause that the project to not be viable as we will be losing 11-12 turbines by just that buffer on the Khoe project. On the Hugo project it will have less of an effect but would also be a problem. That specific mountain area on Khoe is also the area with the best wind resource and would have a big influence on production.</p> <p>Furthermore, buffer zones have been updated, resulting in three turbines being located within Arterial and main roads buffer of the R318.</p>
	<p>3. Public Participation Process</p>	
	<p>Please ensure that all issues raised, and comments received on the draft SR from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction. This includes but is not limited to the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), the provincial Department of Agriculture, the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA), the Department of</p>	<p>All comments and issues raised are addressed in this CRR.</p> <p>Copies of comments from and communication with authorities, stakeholders and I&APs, including written notice of availability of the DSR for comment, and reminders to submit</p>

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	<p>Transport, the Local Municipality, the District Municipality, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), the South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL), the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), Dr Samantha Mynhardt And Esther Matthew of the EWT’s Drylands Conservation Programme of the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT), BirdLife SA, CapeNature, the Cape Leopard Trust, the Department of Mineral Resources, the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform, the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) and the Department of Environmental Affairs: Directorate Biodiversity and Conservation and Protected Areas. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the Final SR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof must be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.</p>	<p>comments before the closing date, are included in Volume III of the FSR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of Site Notice; • Proof of Advert; • Proof of Stakeholder Consultation (Emails) • Comments received proof; and • Comments and Reponses Report.
	<p>a) The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of the approved public participation plan and Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</p>	<p>PPP has been conducted in accordance with these requirements (refer to Section 5.4 of the FSR).</p>
	<p>b) A comments and response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final SR. The C&R report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format which reflects the details of the I&APs and date of comments received, actual comments received, and response provided. Please ensure that comments made by I&APs are comprehensively captured (copy verbatim if required) and responded to clearly and fully and in chronological order. Please note that a response such as “Noted” is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP’s comments.</p>	<p>The C&R report has been included as an appendix to the FSR.</p>

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	<p>4. Specialist Assessments to be conducted in the EIA Phase</p> <p>a) Specialist studies to be conducted must provide a detailed description of their methodology, as well as indicate the locations and descriptions of turbines, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisations.</p> <p>b) The specialist studies must also provide a detailed description of all limitations to their studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation, will not be accepted.</p> <p>c) It is further brought to your attention that 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, when applying for Environmental Authorisation, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. "the Protocols"), and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species), have come into effect. Please note that specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with these protocols. Please note further that the protocols require the specialists' to be registered with SACNASP in their respective field.</p> <p>d) Please include a table in the report, summarising the specialist studies required by the Department's Screening Tool, a column indicating whether these studies were conducted or not, and a column with motivation for any studies not conducted. Please note</p>	<p>Specialist methodologies are provided under Section 4.2 of the FSR and Volume II of the FSR which contain the full specialist assessments, including detailed descriptions of their methodologies followed and recommendations.</p> <p>Refer to Volume II of the FSR, which contains the full specialist assessments, including the limitations and assumptions underpinning the assessments.</p> <p>All specialist assessments for the proposed Wind Energy Facility have been completed in accordance with the applicable protocols.</p> <p>Appointed specialists are also SACNASP registered in their respective fields.</p> <p>Table 4-1 in the FSR summarises the specialist studies required by the Department's screening tool, as well as those studies which have been excluded, including a motivation as to why they were</p>

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	<p>that if any of the specialists’ studies and requirements/protocols recommended in the Department’s Screening Tool are not commissioned, motivation for such must be provided in the report per the requirements of the Protocols.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The screening tool output: • The screening tool and the gazetted protocols (GN R320 of 20 March 2020 and GN R 1150 of 30 October 2020) require a site sensitivity verification to be completed to either confirm or dispute the findings and sensitivity ratings of the screening tool. • Site sensitivity verifications for all the identified specialist studies (according to the screening tool) must be provided. • It is the responsibility of the EAP to confirm the list of specialist assessments provided by the screening tool and to motivate in the assessment report, the reason for not including any of the identified specialist study including the provision of photographic evidence of the site situation. The site sensitivity verification for each of the recommended studies, as per the protocols, must be compiled and attached. If the findings of the site verification differed from the screening tool and was found to be of a different sensitivity level, then a compliance statement would be acceptable. <p>e) Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and where necessary, include further expert advice.</p> <p>f) Confirm whether the applicant is considering offsets in terms of Riverine Rabbit or any other ecological feature. The Animal Specialist report recommends on page 15 of the report: ‘Establishment of a stewardship programme to research and conserve Riverine Rabbit,</p>	<p>excluded. All exclusions relate to low sensitivity ratings from the screening tool.</p> <p>Site sensitivity verifications were undertaken by the applicable specialists and have been included in Volume II of the FSR, within the specialist assessments. Table 4-1 in the FSR also details a summary of the site sensitivity verification in relation to the screening tool.</p> <p>This has been noted. No contradicting recommendations have been made by the specialists at this point.</p> <p>No offsets will be required, however, a research and stewardship programme to protect the riverine rabbit following the offset guidelines needs to be developed.</p>

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	<p>following appropriate Biodiversity Offset Guidelines’. Ensure that the specialist report, adequately addresses the issue of offsets, should they be required. The offset plan produced must take cognisance of the Draft National Biodiversity Offset Guideline (25 March 2022) and must include stakeholder engagement, definitive goals, timeframes, responsibilities, and management requirements. It must also include a monitoring and reporting plan to assess the effectiveness of the offset. Note that if offsets are pursued, a finalised offset plan must be presented by the final EIAR.</p>	<p>It is a requirement to do more studies during the ESIA phase on the Riverine Rabbit to confirm if offsets are required or not, and only if such are required, then offset the relevant additional measures are to be implemented. As it was indicated by the Animal specialist, the WEF “is unlikely to have a significant negative impact on the long-term viability and persistence of animal SCCs in the area following the implementation of available mitigation measures. Large portions of the proposed development area are modified by agricultural activity, presenting an opportunity to improve habitat availability and local habitat connectivity through rehabilitation and restoration of strategic areas”.</p> <p>Upon understanding the distribution of the rabbits better during studies of the EIA phase, it is highly likely that opportunities for improving habitat condition and -connectivity for this species will be identified, and future research needs and best management practices can then be incorporated into a biodiversity management plan which will form the basis of the research and stewardship programme. The reason why this programme needs to follow the offset guidelines, even if no offset as such may be required, is to ensure that a standardised method of collecting data on and protecting highly threatened species is applied across the country, allowing for results that can be monitored, verified and feed into any provincial and/or national conservation plan.</p>

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	g) Please include further assessment or information on the Matroosberg Mountain Catchment Area.	This will be assessed further during the EIA phase.
	5. Cumulative Assessment to be conducted in the EIA Phase Should there be any other similar projects within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be refined to indicate the following:	
	i. Assess the cumulative impacts of the proposed (not yet authorised), authorised (not yet constructed) and existing solar energy facilities.	Four renewable energy developments have been approved within 30 km of the proposed development area, all of which being solar photovoltaic (PV) developments. The existing 44 MW Touwsrivier CPV Solar Project is situated on 190 ha to the northeast of the proposed WEF development. Solar PV developments generally require the clearance of large areas for the solar arrays, particularly in flatter low-lying areas utilized by species such as Riverine Rabbit. The only similar project within the 35km radius of the proposed development site is the Khoe WEF, which is by the same developer as Hugo. The proposed WEF development is largely focused on elevated hilltops, allowing for a reduced impact on low-lying habitats. A preliminary assessment of cumulative impacts has been made in the Scoping Phase and will be assessed further in the EIA Phase where a detailed process flow and methodology will be defined as recommended.
	ii. 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.	
	iii. The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.	
	iv. A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.	
	6. Environmental Management Programme The EMPr must include the following:	
	i. It is drawn to your attention that for substation and overhead	

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	<p>electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure, when such facilities trigger activity 11 or 47 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014, as amended, and any other listed and specified activities necessary for the realisation of such facilities, the generic Environmental Management Programme, must be signed and submitted with the final report over and above the EMPr for the facility.</p> <p>ii. Further to the above, you are required to comply with the content of the EMPr in terms of Appendix 4 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p> <p>iii. Should the applicant consider blade painting as a mitigation measure, as mentioned in the Avian Specialist report, this must be assessed in the report and included in the EMPr.</p> <p>a) The EMPr must consider the following, and where possible, include:</p> <p>i. An alien invasive 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.</p> <p>ii. 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.</p>	<p>Since Activity 11 of Listing Notice 1 is triggered, a generic Environmental Management programme will be signed by the EAP and submitted with the final EIA report over and above the EMPr for the facility as required. The EMPr will comply with the terms of Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p> <p>The facility EMPr will include and or consider, where applicable and necessary, all the listed management plans and mitigation measures as listed / suggested. Should any of the listed management plans not be included in the EMPr, a motivation will be provided by the EAP as to why this is the case.</p>

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	<p>iii. An avifauna monitoring and management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility. A suitably qualified avifauna specialist must draft this plan.</p>	
	<p>iv. 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.</p>	
	<p>v. An open space management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility.</p>	
	<p>vi. 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.</p>	
	<p>vii. A transportation plan for the transport of components, main assembly cranes and other large pieces of equipment.</p>	
	<p>viii. A storm water 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</p>	

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	<p>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.</p>	
	<p>ix. A fire management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility.</p>	
	<p>x. 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.</p>	
	<p>xi. 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.</p>	
	<p>xii. 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.</p>	
	<p>b) The EAP must provide detailed motivation if any of the above requirements is not required by the proposed development and not included in the EMPr.</p>	
	<p>General</p>	

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	<p>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.</p>	<p>According to the response received from Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd on the 22 January 2023, Transmission Eskom lines will not be affected by the proposed development. This correspondence has been included in Volume III of the FSR.</p>
	<p>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 SR 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".</p>	<p>The FSR has been submitted to the competent authority within 44 days of the application having been received by the competent authority. This FSR also reflects comments received during the 30-day comment period, including comments from the competent authority.</p>
	<p>You 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 SRs in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</p>	<p>Refer to Section 2- Table 2.1 in the FSR. The Table presents compliance with 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.</p>
	<p>Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the NEMA 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).</p>	<p>This is noted. Timeframes stipulated have been adhered to in this application process.</p>
	<p>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.</p>	<p>The Applicant / EAP takes note of this and confirms that no activity has / will commence without a positive environmental authorisation.</p>

TABLE 6.13 REPOSES TO COMMENTS FROM AN I&AP

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<p>07 March 2024</p> <p>Email</p> <p>I&AP (Graham Abrahams)</p>	<p>Dear Sadiye and Khosi</p> <p>As a point of introduction, I have served as the chairman of Hex River Valley Heritage & Conservation Society (HRVH&CS) - affiliated to Heritage Western Cape, from 2019 until I retired last year, in December 2023. I have also served on several boards in the capacity of Financial Director and New Business Development Director until I retired and moved from Gauteng to the Western Cape in 2018.</p> <p>I now act as a Business Development and Financial Resources adviser to various businesses in the Agri-sector in this region.</p> <p>I currently reside in De Doorns, Western Cape, the town which is in close proximity to the proposed sites for the ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy facilities (WEFs).</p> <p>Since becoming aware of this project I have been following its progress with great interest.</p> <p>I am both familiar and conversant with the principles, prescripts and requirements as stipulated by NEMA (National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998)), pertaining to the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) Process and the I&AP and PPP participation therein. It is in this context that I write this email to you, that is, both in the capacity of the ex-chairman of the society, as well as being a concerned citizen.</p> <p>I have read the Hugo and KHOE WEF documents and Scoping Reports, in particular the documents relating to</p>	<p>Thank you Graham,</p> <p>We will notify you when the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment becomes available for public participation.</p> <p>Kind Regards Sadiya</p>

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	<p>the Heritage and Environmental Impact studies (Assessment conducted under Section 38 (8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (No. 25 of 1999) as part of an Environmental Impact Assessment), and section 2 that defines the range and extent of what are considered to be South Africa’s heritage resources, being “any place or object of cultural significance”.</p> <p>I am satisfied that the necessary and essential heritage & cultural investigations into these aspects, as relating to the proposed site locations for the erection of the WEF, have been undertaken, completed and professionally dealt with, and that the preliminary findings and reports (to date) reveal that the project complies with the statutory and regulatory requirements in this regard.</p> <p>I therefore accept the conclusion on page 2 of the report prepared by Mr John Gribble of TerraMare Archaeology (Pty) Ltd, wherein he states "Although the Hugo WEF is in an area of high to very high palaeontological sensitivity this is not a red flag or fatal flaw and should not constrain the proposed development, provided suitable measures to mitigate any impacts are implemented as part of the development of the WEF."</p> <p>It is therefore incumbent on the senior project managers of the various sites to ensure that they heed the due processes in terms of the ongoing heritage and cultural compliance requirements throughout the erection of the facilities, the commissioning phase and the management of the facilities into the future.</p> <p>Finally, it is very comforting to me, as a member of the public and vested community member in De Doorns, that this project is likely to realise significant job creation,</p>	

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	<p>upskilling, upliftment and economic benefit to the local communities for the foreseeable future. I therefore have no reservations but to support this project and look forward to seeing it become a reality.</p> <p>I am available for further discussion and participation in this process.</p> <p>Thanking you,</p> <p>Kind Regards / Vriendelike Groete</p> <p>Graham</p>	

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TABLE 6.14 REPOSSES TO COMMENTS FROM SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY (SACAA)

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<p>08 January 2024</p> <p>Email</p> <p>South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) (Lizell Stroh)</p>	<p>The SACAA has transferred the assessments for Solar and Wind energy APPLICATIONS TO Air Traffic and applications to Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) as published on the SACAA website. A formal application must be lodged with Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) for a formal obstacle assessment to be conducted. Their responsibility would pertain to the assessments, maintenance, and all other related matters in respect to Solar and Wind Farm assessments.</p>	<p>The developer has been informed regarding the application of an obstacle assessment. Please be assured that a formal application will be lodged as part of the pre-construction / planning process, prior to the commencement of construction activities.</p>
<p>30 January 2024</p> <p>Letter, received via Email</p> <p>South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) (Evelyn Shogole)</p>	<p>We acknowledge receipt of email dated 08 January 2024. The South African Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) is an agency of the Department of Transport (DoT). The Civil Aviation Act 13 of 2009 provides for the establishment of the CAA as a stand-alone authority mandated with controlling, promoting, regulating, supporting, developing, enforcing and continuously improving levels of safety and security throughout the civil aviation industry. The CAA exercises this mandate through the Civil Aviation Regulations (CARs). Please see our comments below:</p> <p>The screening tool indicates that the proposed development has a high sensitivity toward civil aviation which means the project assessment anticipates negative impacts to the aviation infrastructure and activities. The proposed development includes the establishment of wind energy facility and infrastructure, as such there is a need to apply for obstacle approval. The client is required to follow the application procedure and process as published on the SACAA</p>	<p>The developer has been informed regarding the application of obstacle assessment. Please be assured that a formal application will be lodged as part of the pre-construction / planning process, prior to the commencement of construction activities.</p>

website: www.caa.co.za/industry-information/obstacles/ .
 Kindly be advised that Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) has been appointed as the Obstacle application Service Provider for Windfarms on 1 May 2021. They will be also responsible for Solar Obstacle Applications from the 1st of February 2022. All new Solar applications must be lodged to obstacles@atns.co.za . Please do not hesitate to contact our office for any clarifications.

TABLE 6.15 REPOSSES TO COMMENTS FROM HERITAGE WESTERN CAPE (THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY FOR HERITAGE PERMITS IN THE WESTERN CAPE)

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<p>11 January 2024</p> <p>Letter, received via Email</p> <p>Heritage Western Cape (HWC) (Sneha Jhupsee and Stephanie Barnardt)</p>	<p>You are hereby notified that, since there is reason to believe that the proposed Hugo wind energy facility on multiple properties between Touwsriver and Montagu will impact on heritage resources, HWC requires that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) that satisfies the provisions of Section 38(3) of the NHRA be submitted. Section 38(3) of the NHRA provides (3) The responsible heritage resources authority must specify the information to be provided in a report required in terms of subsection (2)(a): Provided that the following must be included:</p> <hr/> <p>a) The identification and mapping of all heritage resources in the area affected</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. This is duly noted. A heritage impact assessment will be undertaken as part of the EIA phase, which will consider all listed comments as recommended.</p>

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	(b) an assessment of the significance of such resources in terms of the heritage assessment criteria set out in section 6(2) or prescribed under section 7	
	(c) an assessment of the impact of the development on such heritage resources	
	(d) an evaluation of the impact of the development on heritage resources relative to the sustainable social and economic benefits to be derived from the development	
	(e) the results of consultation with communities affected by the proposed development and other interested parties regarding the impact of the development on heritage resources	
	(f) if heritage resources will be adversely affected by the proposed development, the consideration of alternatives	
	(g) plans for mitigation of any adverse effects during and after the completion of the proposed development	
	<p>This HIA must in addition have specific reference to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archaeological impact assessment • Paleontological impact assessment • Visual Impact on the Cultural landscape Assessments 	
	<p>The HIA must have an overall assessment of the impacts to heritage resources which are not limited to the specific studies referenced above.</p>	

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	<p>The required HIA must have an integrated set of recommendations.</p> <hr/> <p>The comments of relevant registered conservation bodies; all Interested and Affected parties; and the relevant Municipality must be requested and included in the HIA where provided. Proof of these requests must be supplied.</p>	

TABLE 6.16 REPOSES TO COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND ENVIRONMENT (THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION)

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<p>26 January 2024</p> <p>Letter, received via email</p> <p>Department Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment</p>	<p>7. Listed Activities</p> <hr/> <p>i) The application form includes a repetition of Activity 4 of Listing Notice 3, please correct this.</p> <hr/> <p>j) Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure (including thresholds) as described in the project description. Only activities (and sub-activities) applicable to the development must be applied for and assessed. The physical footprint of the infrastructure in square metres must be provided in support of the applicability of this listed activity/ies.</p>	<p>The application form has been updated to remove repetition.</p> <hr/> <p>All relevant listed activities have been included in the FSR (see Section 3.2) have been included into the Application Form. The applicable footprints have also been included accordingly.</p>

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<p>(DFFE) (Lydia Kutu, Sabelo Malaza)</p>	<p>k) Ensure to include thresholds for each activity applied for in the application form. The physical footprint of the infrastructure in square metres/hectares/cubic metres is not mentioned in the application form. As such, you are requested to provide the physical footprint of the infrastructure to motivate the applicability of this listed activity/ies.</p>	<p>The EAP has highlighted the applicable listed activities triggered by the proposed development by indicating the thresholds which have been met. It is important to note, however, that at this stage of the project, the exact physical footprint of the proposed infrastructure has not been finalised.. However, at this stage the legislated thresholds listed in the Application Form and FSR as applicable, and this has been indicated as such.</p>
	<p>l) You are required to confirm whether the competent authority adopts systematic biodiversity plans or bioregional plans. There are certain activities in Listing Notice 3 that requires that systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans.</p>	<p>It has been confirmed by the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development planning (DEADP) through a letter received during the DSR public comment period that, no bioregional plans have been developed for the Western Cape province.</p>
	<p>m) It is imperative that the relevant authorities are continuously involved throughout the environmental impact assessment process, as the development property falls within geographically designated areas in terms of Listing Notice 3 Activities i.e. Critical Biodiversity Areas. Written comments must be obtained from the relevant provincial authority (or proof of consultation if no comments were received) and submitted to this Department.</p>	<p>Key Provincial Authorities were included in the PPP and provided with access to the full DSR documentation, which also included a map depicting the project area and relevant geographical areas. The key provincial authorities included:</p> <p>Comments Received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage Western Cape (HWC). • Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP). • Western Cape Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development. • South Africa Civil Aviation Authority. <p>No Comments Received</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism. • Western Cape Department of Roads and Public Works. • Western Cape Economic Development and Tourism. • Western Cape Government: Department of Transport and Public Works. <p>Proof of consultation has been attached as an Appendix to the FSR.</p>
	n) Only applicable listed activities must be applied for, and the project description must be specific on what is being proposed in the final EIAR.	Refer to Section 3.2 of the FSR where it describes how the listed activities applied for are linked to the project description.
	o) Ensure that the SG codes, farm names and numbers are correct and consistent throughout the reports. Provide this information as well as the coordinates of the proposed development in a separate appendix.	ERM confirms that the SG codes, all farm names, and numbers included in the Application Form and FSR are correct. The SG codes and coordinates have been included as an appendix to the FSR.
	p) Include the GPS Coordinates for the onsite substation and battery energy storage system (BESS) facility. Coordinates must be in the format as prescribed in the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations, as amended.	ERM confirms that the coordinates for the BESS Substation and onsite substation have been included in Table 1.6 of the FSR. The BESS will be located within the project area, adjacent to the substations.
	q) If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final SR, an amended application form must be submitted. Please note that the Department's application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the	The activities listed in the application and FSR do not differ. However, there was a repetition of Activity 4 of Listing Notice 3 in the application form as noted by the DFFE. This repetition has been

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	following link https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms .	corrected. The amended application form will be submitted to the DFFE with the FSR.
	<p>8. Layout and Sensitivity Maps</p> <p>i) All available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the final layout map. Existing infrastructure must be used as far as possible, e.g. roads. The layout map must indicate the following:</p>	
	vii. Ensure that the titles of the maps are consistent. The preferred layout must be presented in the final layout map.	A preliminary layout map detailing the proposed layout of the facility has been included Section 1 – Figure 1.2 of the FSR. It must be noted however, that a final layout plan can only be provided once all specialist assessments have been completed during the EIA phase.
	viii. The envisioned area for the wind facility, i.e. final location of turbines and all associated infrastructure including BESS, should be mapped at an appropriate scale.	
	ix. All supporting onsite infrastructure such as laydown areas, guard house, BESS, control room, and buildings, including accommodation etc.	
	x. All necessary details regarding all locations and sizes of the substations and internal power lines.	
	xi. All existing infrastructure on the site, especially internal road infrastructure.	

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	<p>xii. Please provide an environmental sensitivity map, if possible, which indicates the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The location of sensitive environmental features on site, e.g., CBAs, protected areas, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure; • Sensitivity Buffer areas; and All “no-go” areas. 	<p>An Environmental Sensitivity map, which includes all sensitive environmental features as recommended, as well as sensitivity buffer areas (no-go) has been included as an Appendix A to Volume I of the FSR. It is also included in Figure 11-12 of the FSR.</p> <p>It should be noted that the bat sensitivity map was produced during the bat scoping phase and although this provides an idea of the sensitivities, the studies are not complete yet. These maps will only be finalised in the final bat monitoring report (during the EIA phase) when all the data has been collected and analysed.</p>
	<p>j) It must be emphasised that the final EIAR must include a final layout map which adheres to specialist recommendations as well as the identified no-go areas and buffer zones. All turbines must be numbered on all submitted maps.</p>	<p>A final layout map will be produced during the EIA, which will adhere to specialist recommendations, no-go areas and buffer zones.</p>
	<p>k) The above site-specific map must be overlain with a sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring renewable energy developments and existing grid infrastructure. All available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the map and infrastructure must not encroach on highly sensitive areas as far as possible.</p>	<p>This will be produced during the EIA phase.</p>

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	<p>l) Google maps will not be accepted for decision-making purposes. Ensure that distinct colours are used on the maps to differentiate features, especially on the sensitivity map. In addition, turbines must be numbered for ease of reference.</p>	<p>All maps generated using Esri ® ArcMap software. No Google Maps are included in the FSR.</p>
	<p>m) Include a description of the process to determine the finalised layout i.e. specialist considerations, site sensitivities etc.</p>	<p>Detailed studies will be undertaken during the EIA phase, whereby the appointed specialists will conduct detailed impact assessments to evaluate how the proposed turbine locations and associated infrastructure could impact the identified sensitive areas. Based on the recommendations provided by the specialists, the developer will implement seasonal restrictions (e.g. curtailment), buffer zones or possibly change the turbine locations and associated infrastructure, in an attempt to avoid sensitivities identified by specialists. A final layout map will then be developed accordingly.</p>
	<p>n) It is noted that Wind Turbine Generators (WTG) 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 12 are located within the Matroosberg Mountain Catchment Area and the placement of these turbines must be reconsidered. Furthermore, turbines should not be located in CBA's.</p>	<p>The locations of the listed WTGs will be shifted to avoid the Matroosberg Mountain Catchment Area.</p>
	<p>o) It is noted that, according to the Flora Specialist report, turbines 5, 6, 7, 1, 2, 11, 10, 9, 12 are located within a 'No-Go' area and Turbine 41 seems to be within a High Sensitivity Area. The position of these turbines must be reconsidered.</p>	<p>The position of the turbines will be shifted to avoid no-go and high sensitivity areas.</p>
	<p>9. Public Participation Process</p>	

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	<p>Please ensure that all issues raised, and comments received on the draft SR from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction. This includes but is not limited to the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), the provincial Department of Agriculture, the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA), the Department of Transport, the Local Municipality, the District Municipality, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), the South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL), the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), Dr Samantha Mynhardt And Esther Matthew of the EWT’s Drylands Conservation Programme of the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT), BirdLife SA, CapeNature, the Cape Leopard Trust, the Department of Mineral Resources, the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform, the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) and the Department of Environmental Affairs: Directorate Biodiversity and Conservation and Protected Areas. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the Final SR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof must be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.</p>	<p>All comments and issues raised are addressed in this CRR.</p> <p>Copies of comments from and communication with authorities, stakeholders and I&APs, including written notice of availability of the DSR for comment, and reminders to submit comments before the closing date, are included in Volume III of the FSR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of Site Notice; • Proof of Advert; • Proof of Stakeholder Consultation (Emails) • Comments received proof; and • Comments and Reponses Report.
	<p>c) The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of the approved public participation plan and Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</p>	<p>PPP has been conducted in accordance with these requirements (refer to Section 5.4 of the FSR).</p>
	<p>d) A comments and response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final SR. The C&R report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format which reflects the details of the I&APs and date of comments received, actual comments received, and response provided. Please ensure that comments made by I&APs are comprehensively captured (copy verbatim if required) and responded to clearly and fully and in</p>	<p>The C&R report has been included as an appendix to the FSR.</p>

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	<p>chronological order. Please note that a response such as "Noted" is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP's comments.</p>	
	<p>10. Specialist Assessments to be conducted in the EIA Phase</p>	
	<p>h) Specialist studies to be conducted must provide a detailed description of their methodology, as well as indicate the locations and descriptions of turbines, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisations.</p>	<p>Specialist methodologies are provided under Section 4.2 of the FSR and Volume II of the FSR which contain the full specialist assessments, including detailed descriptions of their methodologies followed and recommendations.</p>
	<p>i) The specialist studies must also provide a detailed description of all limitations to their studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation, will not be accepted.</p>	<p>Refer to Volume II of the FSR, which contains the full specialist assessments, including the limitations and assumptions underpinning the assessments.</p>
	<p>j) Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and were necessary, include further expertise advice.</p>	<p>This is noted. No contradicting recommendations have been made by the specialists at this point.</p>
	<p>k) It is further brought to your attention that 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, when applying for Environmental Authorisation, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. "the Protocols"), and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species), have come into effect. Please note that specialist assessments must be</p>	<p>All specialist assessments for the proposed Wind Energy Facility have been completed in accordance with the applicable protocols.</p> <p>Appointed specialists are also SACNASP registered in their respective fields.</p>

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	<p>conducted in accordance with these protocols. Please note further that the protocols require the specialists' to be registered with SACNASP in their respective field.</p>	
	<p>l) Please include a table in the report, summarising the specialist studies required by the Department's Screening Tool, a column indicating whether these studies were conducted or not, and a column with motivation for any studies not conducted. Please note that if any of the specialists' studies and requirements/protocols recommended in the Department's Screening Tool are not commissioned, motivation for such must be provided in the report per the requirements of the Protocols.</p>	<p>Table 4-1 in the FSR summarises the specialist studies required by the Department's screening tool, as well as those studies which have been excluded, including a motivation as to why they were excluded. All exclusions relate to low sensitivity ratings from the screening tool.</p>
	<p>The screening tool output:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The screening tool and the gazetted protocols (GN R320 of 20 March 2020 and GN R 1150 of 30 October 2020) require a site sensitivity verification to be completed to either confirm or dispute the findings and sensitivity ratings of the screening tool. • Site sensitivity verifications for all the identified specialist studies (according to the screening tool) must be provided. • It is the responsibility of the EAP to confirm the list of specialist assessments provided by the screening tool and to motivate in the assessment report, the reason for not including any of the identified specialist study including the provision of photographic evidence of the site situation. The site sensitivity verification for each of the recommended studies, as per the protocols, must be compiled and attached. If the findings of the site verification differed from the screening tool and was found to be of a different sensitivity level, then a compliance statement would be acceptable. 	<p>Site sensitivity verifications were undertaken by the applicable specialists and have been included in Volume II of the FSR, within the specialist assessments. Table 4-1 in the FSR also details a summary of the site sensitivity verification in relation to the screening tool.</p>
	<p>m) Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting</p>	<p>This has been noted. No contradicting recommendations have been made by the</p>

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	<p>recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and where necessary, include further expertise advice.</p> <p>n) Confirm whether the applicant is considering offsets in terms of Riverine Rabbit or any other ecological feature. The Animal Specialist report recommends on page 15 of the report: 'Establishment of stewardship programme to research and conserve Riverine Rabbit, following appropriate Biodiversity Offset Guidelines'. Ensure that the specialist report, adequately addresses the issue of offsets, should they be required. The offset plan produced must take cognisance of the Draft National Biodiversity Offset Guideline (25 March 2022) and must include stakeholder engagement, definitive goals, timeframes, responsibilities, and management requirements. It must also include a monitoring and reporting plan to assess the effectiveness of the offset. Note that if offsets are pursued, a finalised offset plan must be presented by the final EIAR.</p>	<p>specialists at this point.</p> <p>No offsets will be required, however, a research and stewardship programme to protect the riverine rabbit following the offset guidelines needs to be developed.</p> <p>It is a requirement to do more studies during the ESIA phase on the Riverine Rabbit to confirm if offsets are required or not, and only if such are required, then offset the relevant additional measures are to be implemented. As it was indicated by the Animal specialist, the WEF "is unlikely to have a significant negative impact on the long-term viability and persistence of animal SCCs in the area following the implementation of available mitigation measures. Large portions of the proposed development area are modified by agricultural activity, presenting an opportunity to improve habitat availability and local habitat connectivity through rehabilitation and restoration of strategic areas".</p> <p>Upon understanding the distribution of the rabbits better during studies of the EIA phase, it is highly likely that opportunities for improving habitat condition and -connectivity for this species will be identified, and future research needs and best management practices can then be incorporated into a biodiversity management plan which will</p>

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		form the basis of the research and stewardship programme. The reason why this programme needs to follow the offset guidelines, even if no offset as such may be required, is to ensure that a standardised method of collecting data on and protecting highly threatened species is applied across the country, allowing for results that can be monitored, verified and feed into any provincial and/or national conservation plan.
	o) Please include further assessment or information on the Matroosberg Mountain Catchment Area.	This will be assessed further during the EIA phase.
	11. Cumulative Assessment to be conducted in the EIA Phase Should there be any other similar projects within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be refined to indicate the following:	
	v. 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.	Four renewable energy developments have been approved within 30 km of the proposed development area, all of which being solar photovoltaic (PV) developments. The existing 44 MW Touwsrivier CPV Solar Project is situated on 190 ha to the northeast of the proposed WEF development. Solar PV developments generally require the clearance of large areas for the solar arrays, particularly in flatter low-lying areas utilized by species such as Riverine Rabbit. The only similar project within the 35km radius of the proposed development site is the Khoe WEF, which is by the same developer as Hugo. The proposed WEF development is largely focused on elevated
	vi. 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.	
	vii. The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.	

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	<p>viii. A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.</p>	<p>hilltops, allowing for a reduced impact on low-lying habitats.</p> <p>A preliminary assessment of cumulative impacts has been made in the Scoping Phase and will be assessed further in the EIA Phase where a detailed process flow and methodology will be defined as recommended.</p>
	<p>12. Environmental Management Programme The EMPr must include the following:</p>	
	<p>iv. It is drawn to your attention that for substation and overhead electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure, when such facilities trigger activity 11 or 47 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014, as amended, and any other listed and specified activities necessary for the realisation of such facilities, the generic Environmental Management Programme, must be signed and submitted with the final report over and above the EMPr for the facility.</p>	<p>Since Activity 11 of Listing Notice 1 is triggered, a generic Environmental Management programme will be signed by the EAP and submitted with the final EIA report over and above the EMPr for the facility as required. The EMPr will comply with the terms of Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p> <p>The facility EMPr will include and or consider, where applicable and necessary, all the listed management plans and mitigation measures as listed / suggested. Should any of the listed management plans not be included in the EMPr, a motivation will be provided by the EAP as to why this is the case.</p>
	<p>v. Further to the above, you are required to comply with the content of the EMPr in terms of Appendix 4 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p>	
	<p>vi. Should the applicant consider blade painting as a mitigation measure, as mentioned in the Avian Specialist report, this must be assessed in the report and included in the EMPr.</p>	
	<p>c) The EMPr must consider the following, and where possible, include:</p>	

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	<p>xiii. An alien invasive 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.</p>	
	<p>xiv. 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.</p>	
	<p>xv. An avifauna monitoring and management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility. A suitably qualified avifauna specialist must draft this plan.</p>	
	<p>xvi. 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.</p>	
	<p>xvii. An open space management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility.</p>	
	<p>xviii. 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</p>	

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	<p>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.</p>	
	<p>xix. A transportation plan for the transport of components, main assembly cranes and other large pieces of equipment.</p>	
	<p>xx. A storm water 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.</p>	
	<p>xxi. A fire management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility.</p>	
	<p>xxii. 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.</p>	
	<p>xxiii. 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.</p>	

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	<p>xxiv. 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.</p> <hr/> <p>d) The EAP must provide detailed motivation if any of the above requirements is not required by the proposed development and not included in the EMPr.</p>	
	<p>General</p> <hr/> <p>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.</p> <hr/> <p>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 SR 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".</p> <hr/> <p>You 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 SRs in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</p>	<p>According to the response received from Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd on the 22 January 2023, Transmission Eskom lines will not be affected by the proposed development. This correspondence has been included in Volume III of the FSR.</p> <hr/> <p>The FSR has been submitted to the competent authority within 44 days of the application having been received by the competent authority. This FSR also reflects comments received during the 30-day comment period, including comments from the competent authority.</p> <hr/> <p>Refer to Section 2- Table 2.1 in the FSR. The Table presents compliance with the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of Scoping reports in accordance with Appendix 2 and</p>

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		Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.
	Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the NEMA 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).	This is noted. Timeframes stipulated have been adhered to in this application process.
	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.	The Applicant / EAP takes note of this and confirms that no activity has / will commence without a positive environmental authorisation.

TABLE 6.17 REPOSSES TO COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND ENVIRONMENT – BIODIVERSITY AND CONSERVATION (THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION)

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<p>25 January 2024</p> <p>Letter, received via email</p> <p>Department Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) - Biodiversity and Conservation (Tebego Kgaphola and Seoka Lekota)</p>	<p>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.</p> <hr/> <p>Good morning Khosi</p> <p>Kindly find the attached comments for the aforementioned project.</p> <hr/> <p>The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation has reviewed and evaluated the reports and does not have any objection to the draft Scoping Report and the Plan of Study for EIA, however, 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.</p>	<p>Good day,</p> <p>Thank you for your email. I have included the details of to Mrs P Makitla and Ms Tebego Kgaphola into the stakeholder database as requested. I have also attached the kmz file of the preliminary project layout for both Hugo and Khoe sites.</p> <p>I trust that all is in order.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p> <hr/> <p>Good day Tebego,</p> <p>Your comments are well received. Thank you.</p> <hr/> <p>This is noted. The EIA report will 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.</p>

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	<p>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.</p>	<p>This is duly noted. The EIA report will comply with all the requirements as outlined in the 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.</p>
	<p>In conclusion, the Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA for review and queries should be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email; BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za for the attention of Mr. Seoka Lekota.</p>	<p>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 for the attention of Mr. Seoka Lekota as requested.</p>

TABLE 6.18 REPOSSES TO COMMENTS FROM ESKOM

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<p>22 January 2024</p> <p>Email Eskom (Mpilo Masondo, Khululwa Gaongalelwe)</p>	<p>Good day, Please could you provide a kmz file with the development footprint of the project in order to be able to see whether any of our current or future projects will be affected. Regards, Mpilo Masondo</p>	<p>Hi Mpilo,</p> <p>Kindly see attached kmz file, as requested. Thank you,</p> <p>Kind Regards</p>
	<p>Dear Sadiya</p> <p>Please send kmz files to check if Eskom infrastructure is affected.</p> <p>Warm regards Khululwa</p>	<p>Good day Khululwa,</p> <p>Please find the attached kmz file as requested.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>
	<p>Dear Sadiya Thank you, your project does not affect Transmission Eskom lines. Warm regards Khululwa</p>	<p>This has been noted with thanks.</p>

TABLE 6.19 REPOSSES TO COMMENTS FROM FALCON OIL AND GAS

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<p>14 December 2024</p> <p>Email Falcon Oil and Gas (Anne Flynn)</p>	<p>Good afternoon,</p> <p>Can you please provide the shapefiles for this, I do not believe our project overlaps and therefore we potentially are not an I&AP?</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Kind regards, Anne.</p>	<p>Morning Anne,</p> <p>I hope you are well.</p> <p>Kindly find the kmz file for both the Hugo and Khoe site boundaries as requested. Although, you will also find the site boundaries highlighted in the scoping reports in the project website: https://www.erm.com/hugoandkhoe/</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>
	<p>Good morning,</p> <p>I can confirm that these wind facilities are outside our TCP area, can I request you have us removed from the mailing list for these projects going forward?</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Kind regards, Anne.</p>	<p>Hello Anne,</p> <p>Thank you for confirming this. We will remove your name from the database going forward.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>

TABLE 6.20 REPONSES TO COMMENTS FROM VODACOM

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<p>09 January 2024</p> <p>Email Vodacom (Trevor Smit and Craig Barnes)</p>	<p>Good day</p> <p>Please provide kmz files for the project to enable us to ascertain if the any Vodacom microwave links or services will be impacted.</p> <p>Regards Trevor</p>	<p>Good day Trevor,</p> <p>Kindly find the attached kmz file for the Hugo and Khoe sites as requested.</p> <p>I trust all is in order.</p>

TABLE 6.21 REPONSES TO COMMENTS FROM CAPE NATURE

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<p>16 January 2024</p> <p>Email Cape Nature (Rhett Smart)</p>	<p>Dear Khosi</p> <p>Please can you register CapeNature for the EIA processes for both the Khoe and Hugo Wind Energy Facilities. CapeNature is the official commenting authority for biodiversity in the Western Cape. We have downloaded the Draft Scoping Reports and appendices from the website and will provide comment on these documents within the specified commenting timeframes.</p> <p>Please can we request shapefiles indicating the proposed development layouts? This will allow us to interrogate the development proposal in relation to</p>	<p>Good day Rhett,</p> <p>Thank you for your email. Your details have been added into the stakeholder database for both the Hugo and Khoe projects. I have also attached the kmz file of the proposed layout for Hugo and Khoe as requested.</p> <p>I trust all is in order.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>

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	<p>our GIS data, which we wish to undertake prior to submitting comment on the Draft Scoping Reports.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Rhett</p>	
<p>07 February 2024</p> <p>Letter received via Email</p> <p>Cape Nature</p> <p>(Rhett Smart)</p>	<p>Project Proposal</p> <p>The results from the National Web-Based Screening Tool are presented and scoping level specialist studies have been undertaken for each of the ecological themes which is supported. These are terrestrial biodiversity, aquatic biodiversity, plant species, animal species, avifauna and bats.</p> <p>A preferred layout of turbines has been presented. The proposal is that the layout will be refined based on the outcomes of the scoping specialist studies therefore there aren't alternative layouts presented at this stage. It is noted that the application is currently for the maximum extent of development. It is therefore assumed that the current preferred layout is primarily based on technical considerations and the best wind resource. The connecting roads and cabling alignments must also be presented and assessed. Two alternative locations have been provided for the battery energy storage system (BESS) and laydown area.</p>	<p>The results from the screening tool report have been provided in each of the specialist assessments which have been attached in Volume II of the FSR. The screening tool results (sensitivities) have also been summarised in Table 4-1 of the FSR.</p> <p>A final layout will be refined and presented during the EIA phase of the project once all specialist assessments have been completed, and when a more accurate representation of the site sensitivities is available.</p>

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	<p>Terrestrial Biodiversity Scoping Report</p> <p>The terrestrial biodiversity scoping report primarily focuses on the results from the screening tool. We wish to note that the primary informant for the terrestrial biodiversity themes for the screening tool is the WCBSP as discussed above. The critical biodiversity areas (CBAs) and ESAs are briefly mentioned and depicted on a map. We wish to note that the Western Cape Biodiversity Act (Act 6 of 2021) has been gazetted and replaces the Nature Conservation Ordinance, with a phased implementation. We recommend that the legislation section of the Scoping Report should be amended accordingly (refers to the Northern Cape Nature Conservation Act). In this regard, according to the WCBA, the Biodiversity Spatial Plan must inter alia inform land use planning and decision making and decisions and actions by any organ of state whose policies and decisions have an impact on biodiversity. The Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Plan Handbook should be referred to in order evaluate the development proposal in relation to the WCBSP mapping categories (Pool-Stanvliet et al, 2017).</p>	<p>The Legislation Section 1.3.1., has no reference to the Northern Cape Conservation Act, and includes the Western Cape Biodiversity Act (WCBA, Act 6 of 2021). The triggered ESAs and CBAs are elaborated in Section 3, and reference is given to the Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Planning (WCBSP) as the informant of the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environments Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme sensitivities in Section 2.1.</p>

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	<p>We further wish to query Table 3 indicating animal species of conservation concern, in particular the inclusion of <i>Thalassarche melanophris</i> (black-browed albatross), which is an exclusively marine species and several of the large mammal species for which the facility is outside of the natural distribution range e.g. plains zebra (<i>Equus quagga</i>).</p>	<p>The initial inclusion of black-browed albatross (<i>Thalassarche melanophris</i>) and the several large mammal species (e.g. plains zebra, <i>Equus quagga</i>) follows observations within the vicinity of the proposed project according to online databases. These might represent chance and / or translocated individuals on private game farms. These species have been removed from Table 3, but their records on online databases noted and explained as chance and / or non-natural encounters.</p>
	<p>We wish to note that the terrestrial biodiversity scoping study is based only on desktop information and does not include a description of ground-truthed information. Based on the aerial imagery of the site, the sections of the site which are mapped as No Natural in the WCBSPP consist of cultivated lands or lands which have been recently cultivated which is also reflected in the crop census on CapeFarmMapper. We wish to advise that location of the turbines and associated infrastructure within the transformed cultivated lands would be preferred from a terrestrial biodiversity perspective.</p>	<p>A brief description of the Project Area of Influence from the site visit is included in Section 3.2. and explains that a detailed description will be included following the subsequent EIA Specialist Survey. Preferential placement of wind turbines within modified and / or disturbed cultivated lands has been noted in Section 6.</p>

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	<p>Potential constraints for the development proposal should be identified within the environmental impact assessment (EIA) phase. The site survey methodology for the EIA phase will be concurrent with the plant and animal species assessments as described below and would satisfy the requirements.</p> <p>Summary of key comments</p> <p>The terrestrial biodiversity impact assessment should indicate if there are any constraints to the layout and preferred localities for the infrastructure, taking into account transformed areas e.g. cultivated lands.</p>	<p>As indicated in Section 6, the sensitivities presented in this Scoping Report are not final and will be refined following the prescribed detailed EIA site survey, and will include methods concurrent with plant and animal species assessments as outlined in Section 5.</p>
	<p>Aquatic Impact Assessment Report</p> <p>The scoping phase aquatic biodiversity assessment includes a delineation of natural and artificial aquatic features in the study area. The rivers/drainage lines which were verified more or less match the mapping of the National Geo-spatial Information (NGI) mapping. Only one small depression wetland in the south was mapped according to the National Wetland Map with more wetlands occurring south of the project boundary. The specialist however identified several other wetlands within the project boundary, in particular associated with the watercourses on the large property Helpmekaar 9/148. There were also several artificial wetlands (farm dams) which were identified in the National Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Area (NFEPA) mapping as indicated in Figure 5.</p>	<p>This is correct.</p>

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	<p>Buffer zones have been assigned to the freshwater features using the buffer zone tool. These are 60 m for wetlands, 50 m for rivers/drainage lines and no buffer for artificial dams. The aquatic features are split into four types namely highly lying seeps, low-lying watercourses with alluvial floodplains, watercourses with riverine wetlands and artificial dams and weirs. The map of the freshwater features needs to however be provided at a finer resolution than currently presented due to the large extent of the study area, and should differentiate between the different types of wetlands according to the national classification. The freshwater features and associated buffer zones serve as a suitable informant as an aquatic biodiversity constraint.</p>	<p>This is correct. A sensitivity map illustrating the freshwater features, alongside other environmental sensitivities in the area has been developed and included in Volume I of the FSR.</p>
	<p>The EIA phase assessment must include an assessment of all infrastructure, including roads and cabling and provide appropriate mitigation measures. The WET-Health and WET-EcoServices tools should be applied as appropriate to the freshwater features to assist with assessing the impacts. Additional fieldwork is not proposed for the EIA phase and should not be necessary as wetlands and riparian areas have been</p>	<p>This is duly noted. The EIA phase will include an assessment of all infrastructure and propose appropriate mitigation measures. All necessary tools will be applied as appropriate to the freshwater features to assist with the assessment of impacts.</p>

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	<p>delineated. Impacts associated with the refined development layout and alternatives should be assessed.</p>	
	<p>Summary of key comments</p> <p>The constraints identified in the aquatic biodiversity assessment must be used to inform the development layout including the roads and cabling, for which the impacts associated with crossings must be assessed and mitigation measures recommended.</p>	<p>This is noted. The sensitivities and constraints identified during the freshwater assessment will be used to inform the refinement of the final layout plan as necessary.</p>
	<p>Botanical Scoping Report</p> <p>The botanical scoping report presents the results from the screening tool and provides a list of the species of conservation concern which were triggered in the screening tool. Most of the site is medium sensitivity with a few patches of low sensitivity. The methodology undertaken to date consists of a desktop study and a site visit for a general overview, however no evaluation of plant species present on site has taken place.</p>	<p>The Scoping reports include a Site Verification Report and associated Desktop Study as described in Sections 2 and 3. The need for a detailed survey for the EIA phase has been indicated in Section 5.</p>

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	<p>The proposed methodology for the detailed site survey will be belt transects which is in accordance with the Species Environmental Assessment Guidelines (SANBI 2020). The entire extent of the study area containing natural vegetation should be surveyed for the EIA Phase. The constraints for the plant species theme cannot be determined until the detailed site survey has been completed. The time of year of the site survey should be optimal for identifying all species present. The EIA Phase study must comply further with the Species Environmental Assessment Guidelines.</p> <p>Summary of key comments</p> <p>Constraints based on plant species of conservation concern must be identified and taken into account in the layout. This will need to be undertaken following a detailed site survey in accordance with the Species Environmental Assessment Guidelines.</p>	<p>This is correct, as indicated in Section 5. The requirement for a detailed site survey during optimal flowering season is confirmed in Section 5.</p>
	<p>Animal Species Specialist Scoping Report</p> <p>The animal species scoping report uses the species flagged in the site sensitivity screening report as the departure point. Nine species were flagged of which five are game species which have been reintroduced and are not assessed further e.g. lion, elephant.</p>	<p>This is correct.</p>

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	<p>The tortoise species is reported as least concern and the butterfly species as unlikely to occur and therefore both excluded from further assessment. Reasons that it is unlikely that Aloeides caledoni (threatened butterfly) is present on site or will be affected by the development should be provided. We wish to note however that the screening tool only flagged two non-avian species, namely Bunolagus monticularis and Aloeides caledoni, both of which were rated medium sensitivity.</p>	<p>This is correct.</p>
	<p>Only critically endangered riverine rabbit (Bunolagus monticularis), vulnerable leopard (Panthera pardus) and near threatened grey rhebuck (Pelea capreolus) were considered relevant to the study and assessed further. We wish to note however that although the screening tool is used to flag particular species, the study should include an inventory of all species and an evaluation of the impact on animal species in general. There may additionally be species of conservation concern present that have not been recorded on the site or vicinity thereof and would therefore not be reflected in the screening tool. We wish to note that the Species Protocol (GN 1150, October 2020) states "2.2.11 discuss the presence or likelihood of additional SCC including threatened species not identified by the screening tool, Data Deficient or Near Threatened Species, as well as any undescribed species or roosting and breeding or foraging areas used by migratory species where these species show significant congregations, occurring in the vicinity". The latter should include reptiles,</p>	<p>This is correct. At the scoping phase, animal SCCs identified by the screening tool were the primary focus. The studies recommended for the EIA phase are to be used to inform a more complete species inventory of the area for impact assessment.</p>

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	<p>amphibians, fish and invertebrates in addition to mammals.</p>	
	<p>The primary methodology was the placement of nine camera traps for a duration of 10 months between February and December. The placement is assumed to have targeted riverine rabbit within the riparian vegetation with the largest proportion in the north-eastern section of the site. It would have been beneficial to have one or two camera traps targeting other habitats on site and hence also targeting other species. An example would be the fynbos habitat within the MCA on site which could support suitable leopard habitat.</p>	<p>The fynbos habitat within the MCA on site has been assumed to support leopard.</p>
	<p>Confirmation is provided that riverine rabbit was recorded on the camera trap surveys with particular reference to two of the nine camera traps. The report does not however provide a detailed account of the number of riverine rabbit records per camera trap and time of year and it is further noted that the duration of placement of each camera trap varied. The camera trap survey should be used to provide a broad relative estimate of the abundance of the species on site. Grey rhebuck were also recorded on the camera traps. As indicated above, it would be useful to report on other species which may have been recorded on the camera traps. Species which are important indicators or keystone species would be informative.</p>	<p>More detailed analyses of camera trap data were ongoing during the scoping phase, as noted in the report. An account of the number of records will be provided during the EIA phase along with discussions thereof.</p>

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	<p>We wish to note that the appendices have not been included and are required to assess the report e.g. experience with critically endangered taxa such as riverine rabbit needs to be established. Given the confirmed occurrence of riverine rabbit within the study area, sampling should be continued into the EIA phase. We recommend that it is essential that the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT) is consulted within the EIA phase with regards to the confirmed presence of riverine rabbit within the context of the regional and global population of this species and to provide further recommendations regarding their sensitivity to the development proposal. It is noted that for the EIA phase the camera trap surveys will be supplemented by drive transects. Apart from more camera traps (with EWT’s advice on placement), methods should include searches for spoor, burrows, scat, etc, and possibly also make use of a trained scent detection dog.</p>	<p>EWT will be consulted during the EIA phase.</p>
	<p>The site ecological importance (SEI) for each of the three targeted species is provided however does not include an explanation for the ratings. The reasoning for the rating for the conservation importance, functional integrity and receptor resilience for each of the species should be specified in accordance with the criteria in the Species Environmental Assessment Guidelines in order to validate the ratings. The SEI map in Figure 5 is based on the screening tool maps. The mapping of the constraints should be refined based on the site-specific mapping of habitat and species occurrence and should be used to inform the</p>	<p>The omission of explanations for the SEI ratings was an oversight, and we thank you for raising this. This will be addressed and included. The site-specific habitat mapping and species occurrence to refine the sensitivity of the site will be done during the EIA phase following more detailed analyses of the data, as noted in the report. This indicated the need to proceed into the EIA phase. Potential corridors, key species and cumulative impacts will be considered during the EIA phase.</p>

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	<p>layout. Potential corridors for the key species should also be identified and taken into consideration. Cumulative impacts should also be considered in the EIA phase.</p>	
	<p>Summary of key comments</p> <p>For the animal species assessment, the camera trap survey should include additional localities, not only those targeting riverine rabbit e.g. leopards are more likely to encountered in the areas of natural habitat. Other species encountered also need to be reported, in particular indicator and keystone species. Constraints to the development must be identified and mapped. EWT must be consulted to advise regarding riverine rabbits.</p>	<p>All species detections will be detailed during the EIA phase. Camera trap localities did represent multiple available habitats across the site. Those species with the potential to occur on site, but not detected during the camera trap process will be considered to utilize the site following the precautionary principle.</p> <p>Summary of responses:</p> <p>We thank you for taking the time to provide comments and recommendations on the scoping phase report. Comments indicated will be addressed during the EIA phase of the project</p>
	<p>Avifaunal Impact Assessment</p> <p>An avifaunal impact assessment was undertaken and includes collision risk modelling. Pre-construction monitoring was undertaken for a 12 month period in accordance with the Birds and Wind Energy Best Practice Guidelines (Jenkins et al 2015). The species flagged in the screening tool were monitored in addition to other priority species identified by Birdlife South Africa (Ralston-Paton et al 2017).</p>	<p>All flight lines were recorded, and their heights and locations are used in the CRM/FRM modelling process. The individual risk maps for individual species would be redundant to present individually because what is modelled as of low risk for one species (say an eagle over the agricultural areas) cannot be used for a turbine location if it is risky for another species (say the Blue Crane).</p> <p>We provided the Verreaux’s Eagle risk map to (i) exemplify what individual risk maps look like before being combined (ii) we did so the VEs because they are the most numerous and threatened species</p>

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	<p>Cutting-edge collision risk modelling was undertaken which according to the report is only the third time this has been applied in South Africa. The modelling could only be undertaken with species which undertook four flights or more with priority given to species of conservation concern and was therefore undertaken for seven species. For the species of conservation concern flights recorded on the study site, blue cranes (<i>Anthropoides paradiseus</i> – near threatened) and Verreaux’s eagles (<i>Aquila verreauxii</i> – vulnerable) were responsible for approximately a quarter, southern black korhaan (<i>Afrotis afra</i>) for 30% and black harrier (<i>Circus maurus</i>) for 18%. The collision risk model however takes into account a number of variables and focuses on the flight time (as opposed to individual flights) and further flight time within the rotor swept area as well as other variables such as habitat suitability. Estimated mortality rates are an output from the model and includes three scenarios, namely no mitigation, spatial model avoidance and spatial model avoidance and micro-siting. For the latter scenario, the highest modelled fatality rates for species of conservation concern are approximately 0.1 per annum for Verreaux’s eagles, black harrier and blue crane and approximately 0.2 per annum for jackal buzzards (<i>Buteo rufescens</i>) and booted eagle (<i>Aquila pennatus</i>) among other priority species.</p> <p>The collision risk model vulnerability maps have been used as the informant for the constraints for avifauna for the proposed turbine layout. The maps are</p>	<p>on site (Black Harriers are more threatened but had fewer flights) and (iii) it shows that eagles on Hugo were not just cruising the ridges, or near their nests.</p> <p>The risk maps have to be amalgamated to provide the “big picture” risky areas for all collision-prone species. We can understand if the reviewers are curious about the different risk maps, but (i) they add nothing on their own to the big picture risk and (ii) seven different maps take up a lot of space in a report that’s already 40+ pages long.</p> <p>The only mitigation at this initial stage of identifying risky areas is AVOIDANCE. We are thus seeking areas that are just too high a risk to be considered for any species. Only in the less risky areas would additional tiers of mitigation be applied like patterned blades.</p> <p>This is a good point, and it already underway in the paper that Dr Colyn is crafting using data from the Jeffreys Bay wind farm (pre-con data collected by Chris v Rooyen/Albert Froneman, and post-con flights and fatality collected by BBU). I’ve attached the draft of the paper presented at the BAREF meeting for interest. The high risk and medium spatial layers provided by the Flight Risk Modelling successfully predicted where 13 of 14 (93%) Jackal Buzzards were killed, and both (2/2) Martial Eagles were killed on JBWF. Robin, Albert and we will be checking all other species for which there are good data comparing predicted high-risk zones against known fatalities.</p> <p>Indeed, no Black Harrier or Verreaux’s Eagle nests were located and it was also ranked of low habitat quality for this Endangered species on site. Thus, the Black Harrier guidelines were not triggered. We will add a line however, stating these facts.</p>

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	<p>however presented as a cumulative map for the seven species which were modelled and further for the split between the species of conservation concern and the least concern species. A risk map has however been provided for the Verreaux’s eagles which clearly indicates that the ridges are a higher risk as expected. This has not however been undertaken for the other species, as it would be informative due to the differing habitat preferences and behaviour of the species. The appropriate mitigation measures may differ according to the species most at risk for a particular location. We recommend that the results from the collision risk models should be reconciled with data which has been collected to date for post construction mortality monitoring for other WEFs.</p> <p>Reference is made to the species specific guidelines for Verreaux’s eagles and black harrier (Ralston-Paton & Murgatroyd 2021, Simmons et al 2020). The nest buffers for these guidelines include a 3 km buffer for black harrier and a 3.7 km buffer for Verreaux’s eagle where a risk assessment model is used (5.2 km without a model). An inactive martial eagle (Polemaetus bellicosus) nest is located 670 m from the eastern boundary. In the absence of species specific guidelines, a 3 km buffer has been applied and would have been increased to 5.7 km had it been active. No black harrier or Verreaux’s eagle nests were recorded or listed on databases. Confirmation of compliance with the monitoring requirements of these guidelines should be provided.</p>	<p>The figure 3 referred to is the Preliminary layout of the turbines as stated in the legend. We have added a note that this has changed sue to the recommendations in this avian report.</p>

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	<p>While the Scoping Report does not indicate that any of the specialist studies have been used to inform the layout, the avifaunal impact assessment indicates that it has been used to inform the layout. In this regard we note that the layout included in Figure 3 of the avifaunal impact assessment excludes some of the wind turbines from the project layout plan included as a separate appendix. The excluded turbines presumably take into account the avifaunal risk constraints. Further detail should be provided regarding the recommended amendments to the layout and should make reference to specific species risk. We note that cumulative impacts of WEFs in the vicinity of the site have also been included and assessed, which is important. The impact assessment phase assessment must include confirmed mitigation measures.</p> <p>Summary of key comments</p> <p>Constraints for avifauna have already been identified and amendments to the layout recommended. We recommend that the risks to the individual species needs to be described, not only the cumulative risk to all priority species.</p>	
	<p>Bat Scoping Report</p> <p>The bat scoping report indicates that pre-construction monitoring has taken place over seven and a half months between January and August using bat detectors at heights of 100 m, 50 m and 10 m.</p>	<p>This is correct. Constraints and comprehensive sensitivities related to bats will be identified following the completion of the full monitoring period. These results will be presented during the EIA phase of the project.</p>

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	<p>Species potentially present are provided and bat habitats present on the site.</p> <p>The report states that a full year of monitoring is required before the constraints can be accurately identified, however preliminary results are presented. Neoromicia capensis is the most commonly recorded species, however Tadarida aegyptiaca has the majority of the flights at 100 m which is therefore the most risky flights. No major concerns have been identified at this stage and a preliminary constraints map has been provided. The impact assessment phase assessment must include confirmed mitigation measures.</p> <p>Summary of key comments</p> <p>Constraints for bats must be identified following the full monitoring period.</p>	
	<p>Mountains Catchment Area</p> <p>As indicated above, the project area includes a section of the Matroosberg MCA in the south west and there are wind turbines proposed within the MCA. MCAs are considered as protected areas according to the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act (NEM:PAA), however there are no regulations in place which can guide development proposals. The MCAs are included in the WCBA, however the Mountain Catchment Areas Act has not yet been repealed.</p>	<p>This is noted with thanks. Every effort will be made in avoiding all environmental sensitivities, including the MCAs, when finalizing the site layout map. This recommendation will be considered going forward into the EIA phase.</p>

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	<p>The purpose of the privately owned MCAs is to ensure landscape scale management of the catchments to ensure that they fulfil their ecological function of water supply to downstream areas. No developments which compromise this function would be permitted within MCAs. An important consideration is the fire risk to wind turbines which must be evaluated, since fire is common occurrence and an ecological driver in MCAs.</p> <p>We recommend that the wind turbines should be located outside of the MCAs as wind turbines can be considered as large scale developments which are not appropriate within an MCA whereby the catchment function can be compromised. The buffer zones calculated in the aquatic assessment should be increased for freshwater features within MCAs and Strategic Water Source Areas (SWSAs).</p> <p>Summary of key comments</p> <p>Wind turbines and associated infrastructure should be located outside of the MCA.</p> <p>Conclusion</p> <p>We recommend that the constraints identified in each of the scoping specialist studies should be used to inform the layout of the WEF. A cumulative constraints map overlay as well as for each of the individual studies should be presented in order to establish whether all constraints have been taken into account. The map should be at a fine scale resolution and</p>	<p>These comments are noted. All constraints identified during the scoping and EIA phase of the project will be used to inform the layout of the WEF as recommended. Additionally, a Cumulative constraints map detailing the sensitivities or constraints across environmental themes will be provided during the EIA phase of the project. A sensitivity map has been provided in the FSR, which includes sensitivities identified during the scoping phase across various environmental themes.</p>

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	<p>ideally also be accompanied by shapefiles or kmz files to allow for fine scale interrogation. The layout also needs to include the internal roads, electrical cabling and other supporting infrastructure, which must also be assessed in each of the specialist impact assessments.</p> <p>CapeNature will provide further comment on the development proposal once the above has been undertaken and the impact assessments for the full development proposal are complete. All specialist impact assessments must include detailed mitigation measures which must be incorporated into the Environmental Management Programme. While it is noted that the layout alternatives are being approached in an iterative process, the changes need to be clearly indicated in order to assess whether alternatives have been adequately considered.</p>	

TABLE 6.22 RESPONSES FROM WESTERN CAPE GOVERNMENT: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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<p>04 February 2024</p> <p>Email</p> <p>Department of Agriculture – Western Cape</p> <p>(Fadwa Mohammed)</p>	<p>Hi Khosi</p> <p>I trust you are well.</p> <p>Please provide the details of all the landowners and the property numbers involved in this project.</p> <p>Do you have a DFFE reference number yet?</p> <p>Kind regards.</p>	<p>Hi Fadwa,</p> <p>Kindly see below details as requested:</p> <p>Hugo landowner details:</p> <p>Landowner: Dirk Uys Boerdery (Pty) Ltd Contact person: Dirk Uys Portion 9 of the Farm Helpmekaar no. 148</p> <p>Landowner: Blue Dot Prop 424 (Pty) Ltd Contact Person: Marius Hugo Portion RE of Farm Ou de Kraal 145, Portion RE of Farm Stinkfontein 147, Portion RE of Farm Stinkfontein 172, Portion 0 of Farm Driehoek 173 and Portion RE of Farm Presents Kraal 174</p> <p>DFFE Reference: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2485</p> <p>Khoe landowner details:</p> <p>Landowner: Sandvlei Trust Contact person: Hennie de Kock Portion 1 of the farm Eendragt no. 38, Portion 2 (RE) of the farm Eendragt no. 38, Portion 11 of the farm Eendragt no. 38</p> <p>Landowner: JH le roux Contact person: Johan le Roux Portion 0 of farm no. 193</p>

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		<p>Landowner: SML le Roux Contact person: Johan le Roux Portion 0 of farm Eendragt no. 37</p> <p>DFEE Reference: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2484</p> <p>Please do not hesitate to contact me, should you have any further questions.</p> <p>Kind Regards</p>
<p>07 February 2024</p> <p>Letter, received via email</p> <p>Department of Agriculture – Western Cape</p> <p>(Fadwa Mohammed)</p>	<p>After the construction phase of the WEF, the new impermeable hard surfaces will have runoff generated from it. The hard standing foundations also impede the normal flow of the surface and subsurface water. The areas must be monitored for signs of erosion and waterlogging and mitigation measures must be implemented to reduce these risks. Such mitigation measures, among others, would include the installation of drainage pipes that would reduce the risk of waterlogged areas around the turbine foundation. This may be especially necessary for turbines 14,17, 20, 22, 24 and 25 as it is situated on fallow land previously cultivated as well as for the preferred alternative for the substation, laydown area, BESS and OM. The same principle applies to the establishment of new roads or access routes. The proposed new access road to the turbines would be crossing the natural drainage lines of the drainage basin. The Department, therefore, requests that a detailed water run-off control plan be developed and implemented.</p>	<p>This is noted. The proposed mitigation measures will be considered in the development of the EMPr during the EIA phase of the project. A detailed water run-off plan will be developed prior to the construction phase.</p>

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	The Western Cape Department of Agriculture has no objection to the proposed Wind Energy Facility on condition that the agricultural activities takes place on a continuous basis throughout all phases of the project.	This recommendation is noted and has been relayed to the project proponent.
	Clear communication must be established between the farmer and the applicant so that the project activities do not interfere with the day-to-day farming operations.	This has been noted. The project applicant and the farmers have been in constant communication throughout the pre-application through to scoping phases of the project. Communication is due to continue into the EIA phase as well as after submission has been done.
	Should the waterlogged areas become a problem the farmer/landowner may contact the Local LandCare office for assistance in this regard.	This is noted. This will be communicated with the Landowners accordingly.
	Further comment will be provided once more information becomes available and a site visit has been conducted, should it be required.	This statement is acknowledged.

TABLE 6.23 REPOSES TO COMMENTS FROM LANGEBERG MUNICIPALITY

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<p>04 February 2024</p> <p>Email</p> <p>Langeberg Municipality</p> <p>(Tracy Brunings)</p>	<p>Good day, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above application. The proposed Hugo WEF is located on the following properties: Ou de Kraal 145/R, Stinkfonteins Berg 147/R, Stinkfontein 172/R, Driehoek 173, Presentskraal 174/R, Helpmekaar 148/9. These properties are located within the Breede Valley Municipality, and comments should be obtained from BVM.</p> <p>Please note that comment has already been provided on the nearby proposed Khoe WEF which is located within the Langeberg municipal area.</p> <p>The following is noted for record purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed Hugo and Khoe Wind Energy Facilities are located some 10km apart from one another between the Koo and de Doorns. • There will be a separate scoping and EIA processes for each of these projects, but they will run in parallel. • The grid connection will form part of a separate scoping and EIA process. • The Hugo WEF proposes 48 turbines with a maximum output capacity of up to 360 MW (The Khoe WEF proposes 38 turbines with a maximum output capacity up to 290 MW). Each turbine 7.5 MW. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Each WEF will comprise various building, access roads, a battery energy storage system (BESS), and a substation hub with associated electrical grid infrastructure such as a 33 kV overhead/underground transmission powerline connecting the WEF to the national electrical grid network. ◦ Approximate areas for Hugo WEF - development footprint: 100ha.; laydown area during construction: 9ha.; and substn: 2,5ha.; temporary camp and concrete batching plant: 1ha. 	<p>This is noted. The suggested recommendations regarding aquatics and bird life will be considered during the EIA phase of the project.</p> <p>It is also noted that a land use application needs to be submitted in terms of the LLUPB. This application will be drafted and submitted prior to the commencement of construction activities.</p>

TABLE 6.24 REPONSES TO COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

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<p>08 February 2024</p> <p>Email</p> <p>Department of Environmental Affairs and Planning (Thea Jordan, Adri La Meyer)</p>	<p>Dear ERM team, I hope you are well. I hate to do this, but I am forced to ask for a one-day time extension as I am currently still waiting for 3 sets of comments on the Hugo and Khoe WEF DSR's. I understand that you are under strict timeframes to submit the FSR to the DFFE, but would really appreciate it if you could please allow an extra day for me so that I can collate the comments, which should be received by this afternoon. Kind regards, Adri</p>	<p>Hi Adri, Sure this is noted, extension granted. Thank you, Kind Regards Sadiya</p>
<p>09 February 2024</p> <p>Letter received via Email</p> <p>Department of Environmental Affairs and Planning (Thea Jordan, Adri La Meyer)</p>	<p>The email notification of 08 January 2024 informing interested and affected parties ("I&APs") of the availability of the Draft Scoping Report ("DSR"), the follow-up email of 17 January 2024 reminding I&APs of the deadline for comments on the DSR, the Department's email to the environmental assessment practitioner ("EAP") on 18 January 2024 requesting proof of notification, and the email response received from the EAP on the same day, refer.</p> <p>The Department apologises for submitting its comments one day after the commenting period and expresses its appreciation to the EAP for allowing the time extension. Please find consolidated comment from various directorates within the Department on the DSR and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") dated December 2023 that was available for download from the website of the EAP.</p> <p>The site is mapped to contain Matjiesfontein Shale Renosterveld, Matjiesfontein Quartzite Fynbos and North & South Langeberg Sandstone Fynbos. These vegetation types are classified as having an ecosystem status of least concern. Please be advised that if no endangered or critically endangered vegetation will be cleared, Activity 12 of Listing Notice 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) will not be triggered by the proposed development. (Note that no bioregional plan has been adopted for the Western Cape).</p>	<p>This has been noted. The Application Form has been amended to remove this activity accordingly.</p>

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	Please further be advised that Activity 14 of Listing Notice 3 will not be triggered by the proposed development since no systematic biodiversity plans or bioregional plans have been adopted by the competent authority.	This has been noted. The Application Form has been amended to remove this activity accordingly.
	It is noted that Activity 14 of Listing Notice 1 is being applied for; however, the total storage capacity of the dangerous goods to be stored in containers has not been provided. This must be indicated in the Draft EIA Report.	Details on the total storage capacity of dangerous good to be stored will be provided in Draft EIA Report.
	Note that the onus is on the EAP to provide a clear motivation how the listed activities identified are applicable to the proposed development.	To ensure that all Listed Activities that could potentially be applicable to this proposal are covered by the Environmental Authorisation, a precautionary approach is followed when identifying listed activities, that is, if an activity could potentially be part of the proposed development, it is listed. Motivations as to the applicability of the listed activities has been provided accordingly.
	The proposed development will include the storage of dangerous goods in containers; however, the impacts associated with the storage of dangerous goods have not been identified to be assessed as part of the environmental impact reporting ("EIR") phase. This must be addressed in the Final Scoping Report ("FSR") and where applicable, the Plan of Study for EIA.	To be assessed further during the EIA phase of the project.
	It is noted that the preliminary specialist findings identified the potential impacts associated with the proposed development and concluded that the application process can proceed to the EIR phase for further assessment, which in turn will further inform the preferred layout.	This statement is noted.

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	<p>A site development plan/ layout that reflects all the components of the proposed development, including buffer and no-go areas, as required in terms of Appendix 3(1)(I)(ii) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) must be included in the Draft EIA Report. Further note that the co-ordinates of the wind turbines and the start, middle, and end co-ordinates of the roads must be included in the Draft EIA Report.</p>	<p>A comprehensive site layout plan reflecting no-go areas (according to specialists studies) will be included in the Draft EIA report.</p> <p>Additionally, co-ordinates of the wind turbines and the start, middle, and end co-ordinates of the roads will be included in the Draft EIA Report.</p>
	<p>It is recommended that the need for additional licences and permits be confirmed during this application process and not once it is concluded, as this could have a direct impact on the preferred alternative, if authorised.</p>	<p>As detailed in the FSR, depending on the final design of the Hugo WEF and associated infrastructure, there may be a requirement for the following additional permits / authorisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity Permits in terms of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (Act No 10 of 2004) (NEMBA); • Waste Management License/s as required by the NEMA, Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008); • Water Use Licenses as required by the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) (NWA); and • Heritage License in term of the National Heritage Resources Act 25 of 1999. <p>These permits will be applied for should the project be authorised and be selected as a preferred bidder.</p>
	<p>It is noted that the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) is applicable to the proposed development. It is further noted that an application for either a water use licence ("WUL") or a general authorisation ("GA") will be submitted once a decision has been taken on the application for environmental authorisation. Please be advised that confirmation of the process to be followed must be obtained and</p>	<p>It is noted that the aquatic assessment found aquatic resources within the project area and thus a Water Use Authorisation (at least in terms of Section 21c and 21i) will be required. As per the protocol for all projects under the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPPP),</p>

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	<p>be included in the FSR or Draft EIA Report. Further note that comment from the relevant water use authority must be included in the Draft EIA Report.</p>	<p>the submission of the Water Use License Application to the Department of Water and Sanitation is contingent upon the project securing "Preferred Bidder" status. Details on the process to be followed for the application of the Water Use Authorisation will be included in the Draft EIA report. Comments from the Department of Water and Sanitation will be included in the Draft EIA report if received.</p>
	<p>Comments must be obtained from all the relevant state departments and organs of state during the application process, to ensure that any potential concerns are timeously highlighted, and adequately assessed and addressed before the application is finalised.</p>	<p>Key Provincial Authorities were included in the PPP and provided with the DSR summary and access to the full DSR documentation, which also included a map depicting the project area and relevant geographical areas.</p> <p>The key provincial authorities included:</p> <p>Comments Received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage Western Cape (HWC). • Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP). • Western Cape Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development. • CapeNature. • Civil Aviation Authority. <p>No Comments Received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism. • Western Cape Department of Roads and Public Works. • Western Cape Economic Development and Tourism.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Western Cape Government: Department of Transport and Public Works.
	<p>The proposed wind turbines and associated infrastructure/structures must be micro-sited during the EIR phase to avoid any no-go, very high and high sensitivity areas, and to address constraints identified by the various specialists. This includes, inter alia, wind turbines 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 12 that fall within the Matroosberg Mountain Catchment Area; turbines predominately in the south located on steep slopes, mountains tops and tall hills which are marked as having a very high and high sensitivity, respectively; turbines located within the 3km buffer of the Drie Kuilen Private Nature Reserve; 1km buffer of scenic roads and 500m of homesteads.</p>	<p>Further studies during the EIA phase will inform the final layout, which will inform the relocation of turbines and associated infrastructure to avoid high sensitivity and no-go areas.</p>
	<p>It is not clear why the applicant has not refined the preliminary layout map earlier when the results of the scoping specialist studies were received, instead of refining it at the EIR phase, which may result in a reduced number of turbines or contracted capacity. The mitigation hierarchy must be followed, with avoidance of impacts being the primary goal.</p>	<p>This is noted. The results obtained from the scoping and EIA phases will be used to inform the final layout plan to ensure a comprehensive approach. This is to avoid reworking the layout plan at a later stage.</p>
	<p>Section 5.6, page 50 of the DSR states that there are 3 protected areas within the study area, namely the Cape Floral Region Protected Area, Touw Local Nature Reserve and Drie Kuilen Private Nature Reserve. Note that the Cape Floral Region is also a World Heritage Site. The Matroosberg Mountain Catchment Area is also a Protected Area and must be included in section 5.6.</p>	<p>FSR updated, making reference to the Matroosberg Catchment Area as a protected area within the study area.</p>
	<p>Please provide a site layout map indicating the location of the proposed wind turbines and associated infrastructure/structures overlaid on the protected areas in the study area.</p>	<p>This map has been included into Volume I, of the Draft Scoping Report</p>

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	<p>According to the Animal Species Specialist Scoping Report compiled by ERM dated 29 November 2023, camera traps detected and recorded the endangered Riverine Rabbit within the proposed development area. The position of the camera trap locations (Figure 3) should be superimposed on the proposed layout plan to indicate whether any of the proposed wind turbines or associated infrastructure are located near or within Riverine Rabbit habitat. No wind turbines, associated infrastructure or structures should be allowed near or within this species' habitat.</p>	<p>A layout map reflecting the positions of the camera traps has been developed and included in the Appendices under Volume I, Appendix B of the FSR.</p>
	<p>The specialist assessments and the Draft EIA Report must provide a map and an assessment of cumulative impacts for all renewable energy projects within at least a 30km radius of the proposed site. The cumulative assessment must also assess both the impacts of the proposed Khoe and Hugo wind energy facilities ("WEFs").</p>	<p>Four (4) renewable energy developments have been approved within 30 km of the proposed development area, all of which being solar photovoltaic (PV) developments. The existing 44 MW Touwsrivier CPV Solar Project is situated on 190 ha to the northeast of the proposed WEF development.</p> <p>A map of the approved renewable energy projects within 30km of the proposed development will be included in the Draft EIA report.</p> <p>A preliminary assessment of cumulative impacts has been made in the FSR and will be assessed further in the EIA Phase.</p>
	<p>Please further ensure that the specialist assessments include a cumulative assessment of the same renewable energy projects. For example, the Animal Species Specialist Scoping Report refers to 4 solar photovoltaic ("PV") developments within 30km of the proposed development area, whereas the Heritage Scoping Report compiled by The Energy Team (Pty) Ltd dated 23 November 2023 refers to two</p>	<p>All Specialists have been provided with the Screening Tool Report. As per the Screening Tool Report, a total of 4 approved renewable energy projects are located within 30km of the proposed development. This has been noted and accounted for in the specialist assessments.</p>

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	<p>approved solar PV developments and 1 WEF within 30km of the proposed site. It is recommended that the EAP provide all the specialists with the latest information on the approved and proposed renewable energy facilities to ensure consistency. Kindly also be informed of the proposed 110MW Ezelsjacht solar PV facility proposed on Portion 6 of the Farm Ratelbosch No. 149, De Doorns. This application is at the FSR stage.</p>	
	<p>It is noted that several solar (concentrating and PV) facilities are approved and proposed within 30km radius of the proposed site. The section on alternatives (section 6) does not indicate why the applicant has opted for wind energy as opposed to solar energy. It is recommended that the forthcoming Draft EIA Report provide a description why the WEF is the preferred renewable energy technology alternative.</p>	<p>A motivation as to why a wind energy facility as opposed to a solar energy facility is preferred will be included in the Draft EIA report as recommended.</p>
	<p>In terms of the environmental legal framework (section 3) and policies in support of renewable energy (section 8.2), please add the the National Climate Change Response White Paper (2011) as well the Western Cape Climate Change Response Strategy: Vision 2050 (2022). This Strategy can be downloaded from https://www.westerncape.gov.za/assets/departments/environmental-affairsdevelopment-planning/wcccrs_vision_2050_march_2022.pdf.</p>	<p>The FSR has been updated, referencing the mentioned policies.</p>
	<p>It is further recommended that the FSR and/or Draft EIA Report indicate how the proposed development aligns with the emerging long-term plan of the Integrated Resource Plan (2019).</p>	<p>This is noted and will be included in the Draft EIA.</p>
	<p>It is noted that the proposal triggers section 38(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999) and that a Notification of Intent to develop ("NID") has been submitted to Heritage</p>	<p>According to HWC, a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) that satisfies the provisions of Section 38(3) of the NHRA needs to be undertaken. Furthermore, HWC included a list of activities/recommendations that would need to be considered during the HIA.</p>

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	Western Cape (“HWC”) on 24 November 2023. Ideally, comment from HWC on the NID should have been obtained prior to release of the DSR as their comments would inform the relevant heritage related specialist studies to be undertaken during the EIR phase. It is however recognised that all the relevant heritage (including visual) related aspects have been considered for further impact assessment.	
	It is not clear from the terms of reference (“ToR”) for the EIR phase Aquatic Impact Assessment that a Risk Assessment Matrix will be undertaken to determine whether the proposed water uses can be authorized via a WUL or GA. This should ideally be included in the ToR for the specialist appointment.	A Risk Assessment Matrix will be undertaken and submitted to the Department of Water and Sanitation as part of a separate process (not part of the EIA process), possibly once the project obtains preferred bidder status.
	Cross referencing “Error! Reference source not found” throughout the DSR must be corrected.	Cross referencing updated in FSR.
	The Executive Summary indicates that a waste management licence (“WML”) may be required; however, the DSR does not allude to this. It is assumed that no WML is required.	Given the proposed project description, a WML is not required.
	Reference to the Department of Human Settlement, Water and Sanitation must be replaced with the Department of Water and Sanitation.	The FSR has been updated accordingly.
	The Northern Cape Nature Conservation Act, 2009 (Act No. 9 of 2009) (section 3.12) is not applicable to the project.	The Northern Cape Nature Conservation Act, 2009 have been replaced with Western Cape Biodiversity Act in the FSR.
	Figure 5-11 is incorrectly labelled as the Critical Biodiversity Area of the North West Biodiversity Spatial Plan (2015).	The figure caption has been updated in the FSR.

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	<p>The DSR indicates that portable sanitation facilities will be used during the construction phase, but it is unclear what ablution facilities will be used during the operational phase.</p>	
	<p>It is mentioned on page 63 of the DSR that water requirements for the proposed development may be sourced from the landowner’s existing boreholes on the site or from new boreholes that will be drilled. Details such as depth to groundwater, location of the borehole and water right allocation should be furnished in the Draft EIA Report for these existing borehole/s.</p>	<p>Borehole details of the existing boreholes on site will be included in the Draft EIA Report.</p>
	<p>This Directorate supports the Plan of study for EIA and the proposed specialist studies, particularly the Freshwater Impact Assessment to be undertaken, for the identification of sensitive areas to be avoided and the determination of the respective buffers for each identified aspect. This Directorate will provide further comment on the Draft EIA Report and EMPr.</p>	<p>Thank you, this comment is acknowledged.</p>
	<p>The Screening Tool Report indicated very high sensitivities for, inter alia, the aquatic biodiversity, flicker, landscape, and terrestrial biodiversity themes. Management and mitigation of environmental impacts must be suitably addressed in the respective specialist assessments, Draft EIA Report and the Environmental Management Programme (“EMPr”).</p>	<p>This is noted. The specialist assessment will be sure to address this during the EIA phase of the project.</p>
	<p>Acceptable dust rates in terms of the National Dust Control Regulations (Government Notice No. R. 827 of 1 November 2013) promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act No. 39 of 2004) are described in the DSR. It is stated that the Keerom Minor Road suffers from erosion, potholes and dust. Dust suppression is indicated as one of the uses of water at the proposed WEF. Note that non-potable water should be used for this purpose. Dust impacts are also included amongst nuisance impacts</p>	<p>Thank you for this comment. These recommendations will be taken forward into the EIA phase and detailed in the EMPr accordingly.</p>

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	<p>associated with construction-related activities. Further, heavy vehicles are expected to cause dust along unpaved access roads during the transportation of various components to the site. Dust mitigation measures or a fugitive dust control plan should be included in the EMPr.</p>	
	<p>This Directorate awaits the EMPr for comment, which must include the prevention and mitigation of all risks and impacts posed by industrial effluents and fuels. A detailed waste management plan must be included in the EMPr.</p>	<p>Thank you, this comment is acknowledged. These recommendations will be included into the EMPr.</p>
	<p>The construction of roads, turbine hard-stands, roads, laydown areas and site offices will require the removal of currently intact vegetation. Alien invasive vegetation must be removed according to relevant municipal and provincial procedures, guidelines and recommendations, and disposed of at a recognised waste disposal facility. Removed vegetation may not be burned without prior authorisation and the Municipality must be consulted about dealing with such vegetation according to its organic waste diversion plan. This must be addressed in the EMPr.</p>	<p>This has been noted. All applicable Provincial procedures are to be followed regarding vegetation removal. This will be addressed in the EMPr as suggested.</p>
	<p>The Noise Report for Site Sensitivity Verification and Scoping Purposes compiled by Enviro-Acoustic Research cc dated November 2023 lists the applicable legislation pertaining to noise, including the Western Cape Noise Control Regulations (“WCNCR”) promulgated in Provincial Notice 200/2013. Please be advised that in terms of assessing possible impacts from new developments, EIAs, and related applications in the Western Cape Province, the WCNCR (2013) should be used as the benchmark for noise assessments.</p>	<p>This is noted and will be implemented accordingly.</p>
	<p>This Directorate has no further comments on the DSR and awaits the Draft EIA Report for further comments.</p>	<p>Thank you, this comment is acknowledged.</p>

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	<p>Please note that this Directorate has a dedicated email address reserved for all EIA related correspondences (DEADP.AQM@westerncape.gov.za). Kindly use this email address for any future correspondence.</p>	<p>This is noted and will be implemented accordingly. Details have also been added to I&AP database.</p>
	<p>Please note that the abovementioned recommendations do not pre-empt the outcome of the application. No information provided, views expressed and/or comments made by this Directorate should in no way be regarded as an indication or confirmation that additional information or documents will not be requested.</p>	<p>Thank you, this comment is acknowledged.</p>

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<p>02 February 2024</p> <p>Email</p> <p>I&AP: Graham Abrahams</p>	<p>Dear Sadiye and Khosi</p> <p>As a point of introduction, I have served as the chairman of Hex River Valley Heritage & Conservation Society (HRVH&CS) - affiliated to Heritage Western Cape, from 2019 until I retired last year, in December 2023. I have also served on several boards in the capacity of Financial Director and New Business Development Director until I retired and moved from Gauteng to the Western Cape in 2018. I now act as a Business Development and Financial Resources adviser to various businesses in the Agri-sector in this region. I currently reside in De Doorns, Western Cape, the town which is in close proximity to the proposed sites for the ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy facilities (WEFs).</p> <p>Since becoming aware of this project I have been following its progress with great interest.</p>	

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	<p>I am both familiar and conversant with the principles, prescripts and requirements as stipulated by NEMA (National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998)), pertaining to the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) Process and the I&AP and PPP participation therein. It is in this context that I write this email to you, that is, both in the capacity of the ex-chairman of the society, as well as being a concerned citizen.</p> <p>I have read the Hugo and KHOE WEF documents and Scoping Reports, in particular the documents relating to the Heritage and Environmental Impact studies (Assessment conducted under Section 38 (8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (No. 25 of 1999) as part of an Environmental Impact Assessment), and section 2 that defines the range and extent of what are considered to be South Africa’s heritage resources, being “any place or object of cultural significance”.</p> <p>I am satisfied that the necessary and essential heritage & cultural investigations into these aspects, as relating to the proposed site locations for the erection of the WEF, have been undertaken, completed and professionally dealt with, and that the preliminary findings and reports (to date) reveal that the project complies with the statutory and regulatory requirements in this regard.</p> <p>I therefore accept the conclusion on page 2 of the report prepared by Mr John Gribble of TerraMare Archaeology (Pty) Ltd, wherein he states "Although the Hugo WEF is in an area of high to very high palaeontological sensitivity this is not a red flag or fatal flaw and should not constrain the proposed development, provided suitable measures to mitigate any impacts are implemented as part of the development of the WEF."</p> <p>It is therefore incumbent on the senior project managers of the various sites to ensure that they heed the due processes in terms of the ongoing heritage and cultural compliance requirements</p>	

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	<p>throughout the erection of the facilities, the commissioning phase and the management of the facilities into the future.</p> <p>Finally, it is very comforting to me, as a member of the public and vested community member in De Doorns, that this project is likely to realise significant job creation, upskilling, upliftment and economic benefit to the local communities for the foreseeable future. I therefore have no reservations but to support this project and look forward to seeing it become a reality.</p> <p>I am available for further discussion and participation in this process.</p> <p>Thanking you,</p> <p>Kind Regards / Vriendelike Groete</p> <p>Graham</p>	
<p>17 April 2024</p> <p>Leeuwenboschfontein Observatory</p> <p>Marius Reitz</p>	<p>Leeuwenboschfontein Observatory is an astronomical observatory that will be impacted by the windfarm development. The windfarm and support structures will cause potential light pollution and create a light dome that will affect our astronomical observation.</p>	<p>. Please note, the observatory will be included as a visual receptor and impacts to be assessed during the EIA Phase.</p>
<p>17 April 2024</p> <p>Porcupine Peak Guest Farm</p> <p>Robin Mackinnon</p>	<p>I would like confirmation of the boundaries for portion 1 and 2 of 38 as well as 3 of 37. My farm is "Portion 6 (Portion of Portion 2) of 38" plus "Remainder of the farm Koenies Kraal No. 55" From your map above it seems there may be an error related to the boundaries</p>	<p>HI Robin,</p> <p>Turbine 20 is situated ~100m from the farm boundary of RE/38. This is to cover the blade length from the neighbouring farm and adherent to the land use scheme of the respective local municipality.</p>

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		<p>The affected farm – 2/38 – forms part of the facility, and an agreement is in place with the landowner. Similarly, all farm boundaries aka cadastre used to delineate the farms were sourced from the surveyors general office.</p> <p>Can you please verify coordinates of position B.</p>
<p>29 April 2024</p> <p>RE Farm De braak Montagu</p> <p>Mrs Hester Kuhn</p>	<p>Damage to infrastructure surrounding Wind Farm during the process of erecting the Wind farms</p> <p>2) Aesthetically unpleasing</p> <p>3) Noise pollution (aerodynamic noise/vortex and mechanical noise 4) Shadow flickers</p> <p>5) Wildlife: flying animals (currently there is a pair of endangered eagles in the mountains with fledglings, Blue crane birds, migrating ducks and geese, owls, bats , crows and hawks.</p> <p>6) Disturbance to Fona and Flora</p> <p>7) Affecting tourism, which thies area highly relies on</p> <p>8) Lightning and fire damages to turbines</p> <p>9) Wind-turbine syndrome due to possible fluctuations in air pressure, vibrations and infrasound - further research still undergoing but can't with 100% be disregarded</p>	



APPENDIX A 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
1. Directly Affected Landowner															
Associated Infrastructure	Helpmekaar	9/148	Dirk	Uys	Dirk Uys Boerdery (Pty) Ltd.	██████████	██████████	██████████	Nadini Farm , Touwsriver, 6880						
Associated Infrastructure	Ou De Kraal	0/145	Marius	Hugo	Blue Dot Prop 424 (Pty) Ltd.	██████████	██████████	██████████	Vredelus Farm, Touwsriver, 6880						C0850000000014500000
Associated Infrastructure	Stinkfontein Burg	0/147	Marius	Hugo	Blue Dot Prop 424 (Pty) Ltd.	██████████	██████████	██████████	Vredelus Farm, Touwsriver, 6880						C0850000000014700000
Associated Infrastructure	Stinkfontein	0/172	Marius	Hugo	Blue Dot Prop 424 (Pty) Ltd.	██████████	██████████	██████████	Vredelus Farm, Touwsriver, 6880						C0850000000017200000
Associated Infrastructure	Driehoek	0/173	Marius	Hugo	Blue Dot Prop 424 (Pty) Ltd.	██████████	██████████	██████████	Vredelus Farm, Touwsriver, 6880						C0850000000017300000
Associated Infrastructure	Presents Kraal	0/174	Marius	Hugo	Blue Dot Prop 424 (Pty) Ltd.	██████████	██████████	██████████	Vredelus Farm, Touwsriver, 6880						C0850000000017400000
2. Surrounding Landowners															
3. National and Provincial Government Departments															
National Government	National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)		Muhammad	Essop	Assistant Director at Department of Environmental Affairs	██████████	██████████	██████████							
National Government	National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)		Milicent	Solomons	Director: Strategic Infrastructure Development	██████████	██████████	██████████							
National Government	National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)				Deputy Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations										
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)		Portia	Makita	BDC Department	██████████	██████████	██████████	473 Steve Biko Road		Pretoria	0083			
National Government	National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)		Seoka	Iekota	BDC Department	██████████	██████████	██████████	473 Steve Biko Road		Pretoria	0083			
National Government	National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)		Ephron	Marandwa	Integrated Environmental Authorisations	██████████	██████████	██████████							
National Government	National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)		Stanley	Tshitwamulomoni	Chief Directorate: Biodiversity Section	██████████	██████████	██████████	Environment House, 473 Steve Biko Road, Arcadia		Pretoria	0001			
National Government	Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD)				National Government	██████████	██████████	██████████	Office 270, Delphen Building, cnr Annie Botha and Union Street	Private Bag x120	Pretoria	0001			
National Government	Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD)		Andile	Hawes	Deputy Director General	██████████	██████████	██████████							
National Government	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)		Anneliza	Collet		██████████	██████████	██████████							
National Government	National Department of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation (DHSWS)		Nelisa	Ndobeni	Environmental Control Officer	██████████	██████████	██████████	Private Bag X644, PRETORIA,	Private Bag X644, PRETORIA, 0001	Pretoria	0001			
National Government	National Department of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation (DHSWS)		Nelly	Letsholonyane	National Government Cooperative Services	██████████	██████████	██████████	Govan Mbeki House, 240 Justice Mahomed Street, Sunnyside	Private Bag X644, PRETORIA, 0001	Pretoria	0001			
Provincial Government	National Department of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation (DHSWS)		Rashid	Khan	Western Cape	██████████	██████████	██████████							
Provincial Government	National Department of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation (DHSWS)		Torch	Thembisa	Western Cape	██████████	██████████	██████████							
Provincial Government	National Department of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation (DHSWS)		Jezile	Vuyokazi	Western Cape	██████████	██████████	██████████							
National Government	National Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE)		Pieter	Swart	Provincial Government	██████████	██████████	██████████							
National Government	National Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE)		Nwabisa	Qwanyashe	National Government	██████████	██████████	██████████		Private Bag X59	Pretoria	0007			
National Government	National Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE)		Jacob	Mbele	Director General	██████████	██████████	██████████	192 cnr Visagie and Paul Kruger Streets,	Private Bag X96, PRETORIA, 0001	Pretoria	0001			
National Government	National Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE)		Ethel	Sinthumule	National Government	██████████	██████████	██████████							
National Government	National Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE)		Molefe	Morokane	National Government	██████████	██████████	██████████							
National Government	National Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD)		Aphiwe	Fayindala	National Government	██████████	██████████	██████████							
National Government	National Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD)		Katshaba	Goafhiwe	National Government	██████████	██████████	██████████							
National Government	National Department of Energy (DOE)		Mpho	Mabaso	Director: Renewable Energies	██████████	██████████	██████████	34 The Terraces Building C/o, Riebeck & Bree Street, Cape Town CBD, 8001/ Department of Energy, Private Bag X 31, Roggebaai, 8012						
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	██████████	██████████	██████████	Union House, 14 Queen Victoria Street	Private Bag X9112, Cape Town, 8000	Cape Town	8001			
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APPENDIX B SITE NOTICES AND POSTER PLACEMENT PROOF



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SUBJECT	Proof of Site Notices



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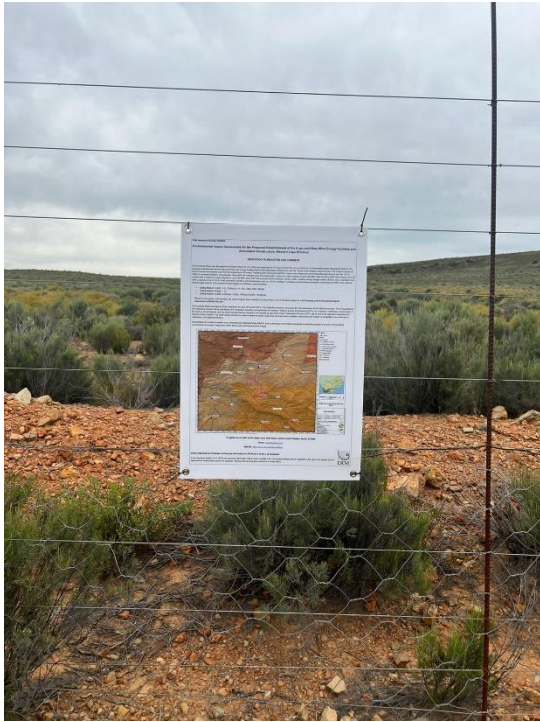
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APPENDIX C NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT PROOF

INTERCEPTIONS

Zim, SA border chiefs meet amid row

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CO-OPERATION and relations between South Africa and Zimbabwe is critical in resolving challenges shared at the border by the two countries.

These were the words by Border Management Authority (BMA) commissioner Michael Masiapato at a briefing in Pretoria yesterday as they are hosting the Zimbabwe Border Ports Authority (ZBPA).

Zimbabwe is in the process of developing a Border Ports Authority Bill with the aim of officially establishing the ZBPA.

The visit aims to showcase South Africa's model of administration and border management co-ordination.

The visit comes as officials from the two countries have been at odds over the number of undocumented Zimbabwean children intercepted on buses at the Beitbridge border post.

MBA alleged there were 443 children below the age of 8 years who were handed over to Zimbabwe authorities.

But the neighbouring country's Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare said the number was inflated as this was not corresponding with their number of 124 during the period November 25 to December 3, 2023.

Masiapato said: "The co-operation and relations between South Africa and Zimbabwe in managing our shared borders is very critical for the

protection of our respective national interests.

"As such, we have a collective responsibility to prevent illegal activities at our ports of entry and the border law enforcement areas such as illegal migration, any kind of smuggling, human trafficking, and all kinds of cross border crimes inclusive of the illegal movement of weapons, and or illicit goods between our countries.

"This meeting is a demonstration of the commitment to address our common challenges and a quest to improve the quality of life for citizens in both our countries.

"The engagements should go beyond just bureaucratic procedures but must embody the spirit of partnership and shared aspirations to work

together for the better management of our border environment."

The commissioner said the BMA was committed to sharing some lessons from their journey of 15 years since their establishment.

"We do believe that moving away from a multi-agency approach to an integrated border management model with a single command and control is the key step towards effective border management," he added.

The ZBPA director-general Nicholas Dube said they wanted to go back to their country with a good report after learning from the BMA and also ironing out the misunderstanding of the undocumented children.

Dube is accompanied by his delegation consisting of representations from

various spheres including lawyers, police and immigration and home affairs officers.

"We congratulate the BMA for their inauguration and now being operational. We are still in the process of also being established and that is why we came here. I came with people from different spheres of government and will go back more informed," Dube said.

"Our visit to benchmark our proposed border post authority with the BMA is a testimony that our countries not only share a common and the busiest border post in Southern Africa but an inseparable destiny as well. We are hoping that after benchmarking our lawyers will be able to present to parliament."

LEGISLATION

'Ending discriminatory laws long overdue'

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Indians and coloureds) should be treated as one group," Hendricks said.

Glen Snyman, founder and leader of People Against Race Classification (Parc), said: "The minister does not answer the question. He should say 'when' will be the end of this. What we as Parc say is, end these discriminatory laws immediately! It's long overdue.

"It is a job reservation for 'black' people only, but the current legislation discriminates against a new generation of children that was born many years after apartheid."

Policy analyst Nkosikhulule Nyembezi said for a democracy to work in redressing the injustices of the past and improving the quality of life of all citizens, people could not just be exposed to racial neutral information that was presented to them as correct.

"They need to know about and be involved in targeted measures to promote racial equality and human dignity in the workplace and see how such policies or facts relate positively to their lives," Nyembezi said.

"A little under 30 years of our democracy, we should mark our calendars and remember that race classification in labour laws is some gesture that is necessary but never sufficient.

"By all means, keep race classification in labour laws for as long as it is necessary, but think of the classification, as the drafters of the Constitution desired, as temporary markers of wins in a game where the ultimate goal is to beat racial inequality and human indignity," Nyembezi said.

NATION

Consumers facing gloom festive season

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"We forecast inflation to hover between 5% and 5.5% in the first half of next year before falling more convincingly towards the midpoint of SARB's target range during the third quarter and averaging 5% in 2024," Khosa said.

"However, the risks to our forecasts reside marginally to the upside due to the uncertainties surrounding the outlook for oil prices, food prices and the rand."

Anchor Capital investment analyst Casey Delpont also concurred that inflation would continue to moderate gradually.

However, Delpont said the outlook faced significant upside risks, particularly regarding food prices.

"The emergence of the El Niño-Southern Oscillation (Enso), which typically implies below-average rainfall for SA, poses a risk of higher food prices.

"At the same time, renewed geopolitical tensions in the Middle East raise the risk of oil prices staying elevated for longer," Delpont said.

"Furthermore, the rand will face headwinds from the expected deterioration in the government's fiscal position and growing uncertainty as the country enters a precarious political environment ahead of next year's national election."

Weekly pricing from the Red Meat Producers Organisation shows an increase in the price of beef.

From October 6 to December 8, A2/3 beef increased from R53.45 to R55.80, while C2/3 beef rose from R47.20 to R48.37.

CRIME

Fourteen suspects in alleged financing scheme face fraud, money laundering charges

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FOURTEEN suspects who allegedly operated an illegal asset financing scheme are expected to appear in the Stellenbosch Magistrate's Court today on charges that include money laundering to the tune of R40 million.

Members of the alleged syndicate, two women and 12 men, were arrested in the early hours of yesterday by police during an integrated operation.

They were charged with fraud, theft and money laundering.

According to police spokesperson Joseph Swartbooi, local financial institutions sounded the alarm about a syndicate operating a "huge asset financing scheme".

Swartbooi said: "Reports suggested that the members of this syndicate would create and submit false vehicle finance applications to motor dealerships with whom they had a corrupt relationship.

"Armed with the information at their disposal, a multi-disciplinary team of detectives attached to the Provincial Commercial Crime Investigation Unit conducted an extensive investigation."

Following a thorough probe into the matter they made a breakthrough.

"On December 13, police members who formed part of an integrated operation, arrested the suspects.

"As part of the ongoing investigations the possibility of more arrests is not excluded," Swartbooi said.

Provincial police commissioner Thembilile Patekile commended the officers.

Patekile expressed his confidence that the unit's work should pave the way for a conviction and ultimately a hefty sentence that "should serve as a deterrent to criminals in the Western Cape".

Recently the Hawks arrested a 44-year-old woman in connection with vehicle fraud amounting to more than R4m.

Hawks spokesperson Zinzi Hani said that this was after officers were alerted to allegations that the suspect, with her husband, both directors of the company, were using fraudulent documents to purchase vehicles between 2019 and 2023.


Hani said: "It is reported that the suspects were involved in a vehicle-purchase scheme by applying for hire-purchase finance from banking institutions using fraudulent documents.

"These were submitted via a dealership in targeting the balloon car payments option, resulting in them changing the vehicle ownership from various licensing departments around Gauteng and the Western Cape provinces into their company."

Hani said the bank uncovered the scheme and reported it to the Hawks.

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VACANCY


COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER
FOR THE PRESS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA

The Press Council is looking for a person with journalism, marketing and social media skills to promote the Press Council and its adjudication and mediation processes amongst publishers and the public. The successful candidate will be based at the Press Council's offices in Craighall, Johannesburg, and be appointed on a renewable fixed-term contract of one year.

Key responsibilities and duties:

- Create and implement communication strategies to promote the Press Code, complaints procedures and findings amongst subscriber members, government, business, civil society organisations and the public.
- Day-to-day management and content updates of the Press Council's website, social media profiles and newsletters.
- Planning and execution of outreach programmes including public events, webinars and conferences.
- Promotion of the role and work of the Press Ombuds; Public Advocate and Executive Director.
- Producing/writing of articles, media releases, regular reports, multimedia content and other communication and marketing material.
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Requirements:

- An understanding of the role and work of the Press Council and a commitment to Constitutional values of freedom of expression and media freedom.
- Journalism experience and/or journalism qualifications.
- Excellent verbal and writing skills in English. Additional South African languages will be an advantage.
- Proven expertise in online, multimedia and social media production.
- A track record of media related communication, marketing and social media activities.
- Demonstrable strategic, organisational and project management skills.
- The ability to work independently and under pressure.
- A valid driver's licence and willingness to travel, if needed.

Other:

- The successful candidate will receive a market-related remuneration package which includes annual leave. Provision for retirement to be discussed with the candidate.
- The successful candidate will report to the Executive Director and be required to sign a performance agreement.

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INVITATION TO REGISTER AND COMMENT

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Stakeholders are invited to register as an Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and to participate in the S&EIA processes by identifying issues of concern and providing comments on the project. Registered I&APs will be kept informed about the Project.

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UITNODIGING OM TE REGISTREER EN KOMMENTAAR TE LEWER

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Karateka bevorder

Die Kushido Robertson-karateskool het die laaste gradering vir 2023 gehad. Die studente het baie goed gevaar en almal teenwoordig is bevorder na 'n ander vlak. Mikhail Malgas (agter, vierde van links), is na bruin gordel bevorder. Op die foto links is die Kushido Robertson-familie – die studente saam met hul ouers. Die karateskool bestaan al van 1983 af en staan tans onder leiding van Kyoshi Ronald Lekay (derde van links), Kyoshi Freddy Williams (derde van regs) en Sensei John Moore (vierde van links). Dit is ook die afsluiting van die amptelike werksaamhede vir 2023. Beginners word in begin Februarie 2024 ingeneem.

Clovers-krieket brul behoorlik

Luciano du Toit

Clovers Krieketklub het behoorlik gebrul die afgelope vyf naweke. Dit volg nadat die klub, wat al klub is met twee spanne in die Burgemeester Vlakkiekrieket-kompetisie, hulself goed van hul taak gekwyt het in die eerste ronde.

Die A-span van Clovers bevind tans hulself bo-aan die punteleer in hul groep danksy vyf wenne in vyf wedstryde terwyl die B-span hulself derde bevind. Op Sondag 10 Desember moes Orchard United met hul stert tussen hul bene terugkeer huis toe nadat die A-span behoorlik met hulle afgereken het. Dis danksy indrukwekkende boulwerk deur die boul-aanval van Clovers met die veteraan, Warren Davids, wat twee paaltjies laat kantel het sowel as Meshaan Charlies. Orchard United kon 'n billike 92 lopies

aanteken in hul 15 toegelate boulbeurt. Vir Orchard United het Alvirno Bosman uitstekend gevaar met 52 lopies. Ten einde laaste was die 92 lopies hopeloos te min vir die ervare kolwers van die Roodewaliete. Mario Marinus het gesorg vir 'n blitsige 54 lopies terwyl die speler van die wedstryd, Warren Davids, 38 lopies bygedra het. Dit het Clovers A laat wegstap met 'n oorwinning van 10 paaltjies in slegs 14 boulbeurte.

Op 'n warm dag het Clovers Krieketklub hulself laat geld. Volgens Fyrin Hendricks, kaptein van Clovers, is die span op 'n goeie plek. Maar hy bevestig ook dat die span nog absoluut niks bereik het nie. "Ek dink dis belangrik om dit wedstryd vir wedstryd te vat. Dis wat nog al die pad vir ons gewerk het en dis die filosofie wat ons tans het. Ek besef dat hoogmoed gou-gou aan jou deur kan klop met so baie oorwinnings, maar ons is ervare genoeg om ons self nederig te hou."



Die Clovers-span is (van links): Agter: Eathan Jass, Romano Adams, Vaughan Jansen, Fyrin Hendricks, Rayloon Steenberg en Mario Marinus. Voor: Etienne Jansen, Lee-Zario Booyesen, Lurick Cupido en Ricardo Cupido. Foto: Luciano du Toit

Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure

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Environmental Impact Assessment for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

INVITATION TO REGISTER AND COMMENT

Environmental Resources Management Southern Africa Pty Ltd (ERM) was appointed by Energy Team Pty Ltd (hereafter 'ET') to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the proposed establishment of the Khoe wind energy facility (WEF) and associated infrastructure in the Western Cape Province. This Project requires an Environmental Authorisation (EA) from the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended (NEMA). The proposed Project triggers the following Listed Activity:

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This notification serves to announce the commencement of the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment process. The Draft Scoping Report will be compiled and is released to the public for a 30-day comment period from 8 January - 8 February 2024. The Draft Scoping Report will be compiled in accordance with the regulatory requirements stipulated in the EIA Regulations, 2017 (GN R 326 of April 2017) promulgated in terms of Section 24(5) of NEMA.

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Dear Stakeholder,

This email serves to inform you about the resubmission of the Environmental Application and the Draft Scoping Report for the proposed Hugo Wind Energy Facility and associated infrastructure near De Doorns in the Western Cape Province.

All comments received during the previous public participation period noted above will still be considered valid, and will form part of the updated Comments and Responses Report.

Stakeholders are re-invited to provide comments on the Draft Scoping Report by responding to this email between 29 February and 02 April 2024.

More information on how you are able to participate in this process is attached in the above documentation.

Thank you,

Kind Regards



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Subject: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Hugo and Khoe WEF, Western Cape Province

Date: Monday, 01 July 2024 14:02:19

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 HUGO AND KHOE WIND ENERGY FACILITY, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

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DFFE Reference: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2515 and 14/12/16/3/3/2/2516

This email serves to inform you about the submission of the Final Scoping Reports for the proposed Hugo and Khoe WEF , in the Western Cape Province.

The Draft Scoping Report for the Proposed Development(s) was subjected to the required 30-day comment and review period, from Thursday, 29 February 2024 until Tuesday, 02 April 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: HugoKhoe@erm.com

Website: <https://www.erm.com/hugoandkhoe/>

Thank you for the interest in the project.

Kind Regards



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APPENDIX F CORRESPONDENCE – ORIGINAL
COMMENTS & RESPONSES

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 8 January 2024 10:14
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities
Subject: Automatic reply: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Hugo Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear Sender,

I am currently on annual leave with no access to my emails. I will be back at work on 18 January '24

Kind regards,

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Thank you for your email.

I will be out of the office from 20 December 2023 to 23 January 2024. I will attend to your email upon my return 24 January 2024

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

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Dear ALL

Please note that I am currently on annual leave and will return on 16 January 2024.

Wishing you a wonderful festive season and prosperous new year.

Best regards

[REDACTED]

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Sent: Friday, 9 February 2024 13:02
To: [REDACTED]; ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities
Subject: RE: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

Wonderful, thank you [REDACTED]

Kind Regards



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 9, 2024 9:33 AM
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Subject: RE: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear Sadiya,

Thanks so much for granting the extension. I have now received all the comments and will submit the comments today.

Many thanks and regards,
[REDACTED]

From: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Sent: Friday, February 9, 2024 7:34
To: [REDACTED] ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities
<HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Subject: RE: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

Hi [REDACTED],

Sure this is noted, extension granted.

Thank you,

Kind Regards
Sadiya

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2024 1:40 PM
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Subject: RE: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear ERM team,

I hope you are well.

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Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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Subject: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

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Kind regards,



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 18 January 2024 10:16
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities; Marbe Coetzee; Melanese Schippers
Cc: EIAAdmin
Subject: RE: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear ERM team,

Thank you for the prompt response.

I will follow up with [REDACTED] whether they did receive the notifications. [REDACTED] is on leave.

Note that [REDACTED] has retired and his email address is no longer in existence.

Those are the only DEA&DP officials I could see from the screenshot below.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2024 10:12

To: [REDACTED] ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>; [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

Good day [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email.

Kindly note that an email was sent to various officials at the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning on 8 January 2024. Kindly see the snapshots below:

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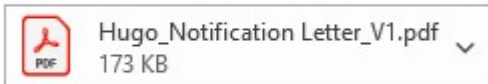


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To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities

Bcc: [Redacted]

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Dear Stakeholder,

This email serves to notify you that the Draft Scoping Report for the proposed Hugo Wind Energy Facility and associa Report.

Stakeholders are invited to provide comments on the Draf Scoping Report by responding to this email between 8 Jan

Kind regards,

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Bcc: [Redacted]



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Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2024 9:55 AM
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>; [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

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Dear Sadiya,

I hope you are well.

I refer to the emails received from my colleague on 17 January 2024 regarding the deadline for comments on the DSRs. Please urgently indicate when this Department was notified of the release of the DSRs for the proposed Khoe and Hugo WEFs near De Doorns, Western Cape. Please also provide proof of email delivery to the Departmental official/s regarding the release of the DSR, purportedly sent on 08 January 2024.

Note that if such proof cannot be provided, then the Department will provide comments on both DSRs within 30 days, calculated from 17 January 2024, when the Department was notified of the availability of the DSR's.

Kind regards,

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Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 20:36
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Subject: FW: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

From: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 3:01 PM
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Subject: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

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This is a kindly reminder that the 30-day comment period for the Khoe Draft Scoping Report is underway. Please submit your comments by the 8 February 2024.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have further questions.

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To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Comments on the DSR for the proposed development of the 360MW Hugo WEF and associated infrastructure near De Doorns, Breede Valley Municipality
Attachments: 2024 Feb 9 - Comments on the DSR for the proposed development of the 360MW Hugo WEF and associated infrastructure near De Doorns, Breede Valley Municipality.pdf

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear EAP,

Your request for comment refers.

Please find attached this Department's comment in the above regard.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



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From: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Sent: Monday, January 8, 2024 10:14
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Subject: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment

Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Hugo Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

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Sadiya Salie

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 9 February 2024 09:33
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities
Subject: RE: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear Sadiya,

Thanks so much for granting the extension. I have now received all the comments and will submit the comments today.

Many thanks and regards,
[REDACTED]

From: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Sent: Friday, February 9, 2024 7:34
To: [REDACTED]; ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Subject: RE: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

Hi [REDACTED]

Sure this is noted, extension granted.

Thank you,

Kind Regards
Sadiya

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2024 1:40 PM
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Subject: RE: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear ERM team,

I hope you are well.

I hate to do this, but I am forced to ask for a one-day time extension as I am currently still waiting for 3 sets of comments on the Hugo and Khoe WEF DSR's. I understand that you are under strict timeframes to submit the FSR to the DFFE, but would really appreciate it if you could please allow an extra day for me so that I can collate the comments, which should be received by this afternoon.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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From: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities
Sent: Thursday, 18 January 2024 10:12
To: [Redacted]; ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities; [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

Good day [Redacted]

Thank you for your email.

Kindly note that an email was sent to various officials at the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning on 8 January 2024. Kindly see the snapshots below:


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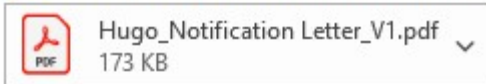


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To ○ ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities

Bcc [Redacted]

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Kind regards,

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ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>

To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities

Bcc:

[Redacted]



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From: [Redacted]

Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2024 9:55 AM

To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>; [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: Re: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear Sadiya,

I hope you are well.

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Kind regards,

[Redacted signature and contact information]



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From: [Redacted] >
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 20:36
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

From: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 3:01 PM
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Subject: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

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Kind regards,



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Sent: Thursday, 18 January 2024 09:55
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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province
Attachments: Khoe_Notification Letter_V1.pdf; FW: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Hugo Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 17 January 2024 15:06
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities
Subject: RE: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

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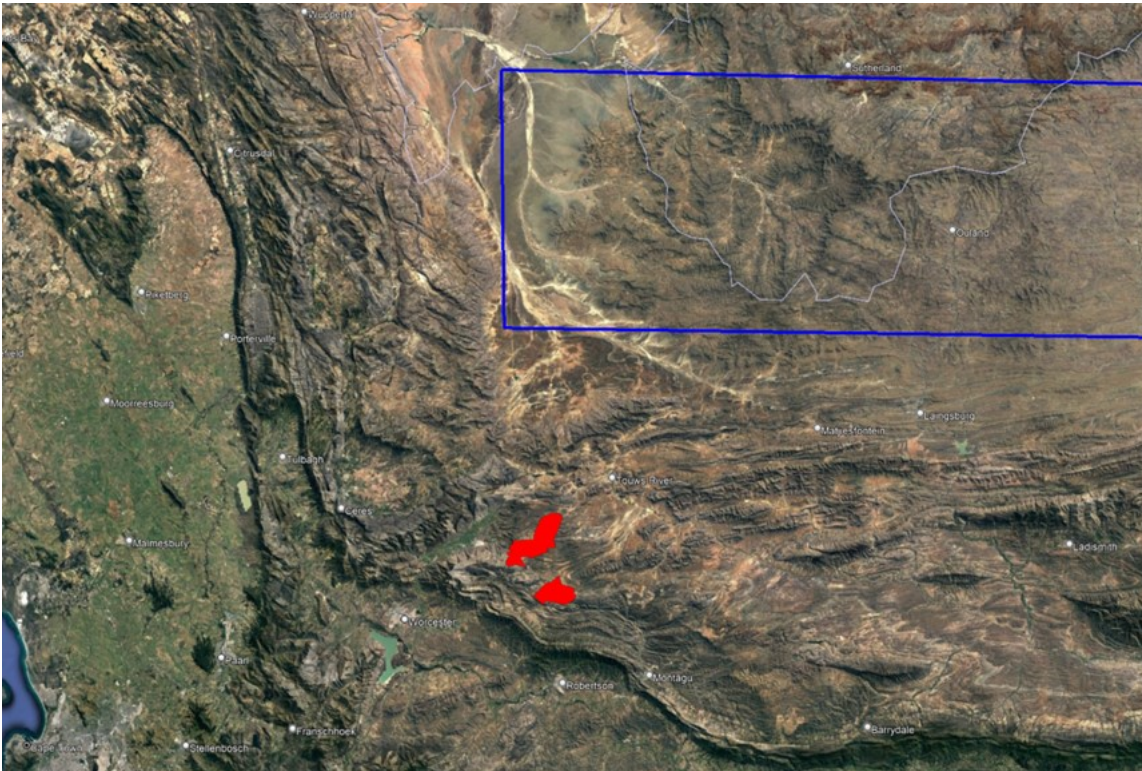
EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good afternoon,

We confirmed earlier this month these wind facilities are outside our area; can I therefore be removed from the mailing list for future correspondence? The blue is our area, the red are you facilities.

Thank you.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]



From: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Sent: Wednesday 17 January 2024 13:01
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
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Attachments: Hugo_Notification Letter_V1.pdf

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From: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities
Sent: Thursday, 11 January 2024 13:03
To: [REDACTED]; ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Hugo Wind Energy Facility and Ancillary Infrastructure,

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Hello [REDACTED]

Thank you for confirming this. We will remove your name from the database going forward.

Kind regards,



[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 1:55 PM
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Hugo Wind Energy Facility and Ancillary Infrastructure,

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Thank you.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

From: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Sent: Tuesday 9 January 2024 06:29
To: [REDACTED] ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>

Cc: [REDACTED] >

Subject: RE: Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Hugo Wind Energy Facility and Ancillary Infrastructure,

Morning [REDACTED]

I hope you are well.

Kindly find the kmz file for both the Hugo and Khoe site boundaries as requested. Although, you will also find the site boundaries highlighted in the scoping reports in the project website: <https://www.erm.com/hugoandkhoe/>

Kind regards,



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 1:27 AM

To: [REDACTED] ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Hugo Wind Energy Facility and Ancillary Infrastructure, near De Doorns, within the Breede Valley Local Municipality, and Cape Winelands District Municipality in The Western Cape Province

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday 14 December 2023 12:10

To: [REDACTED] >; ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>

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Sadiya Salie

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 11 January 2024 13:04
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Hugo Wind Energy Facility and Ancillary Infrastructure,

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I hope you are well.

Kindly find the kmz file for both the Hugo and Khoe site boundaries as requested. Although, you will also find the site boundaries highlighted in the scoping reports in the project website: <https://www.erm.com/hugoandkhoe/>

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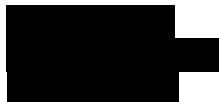
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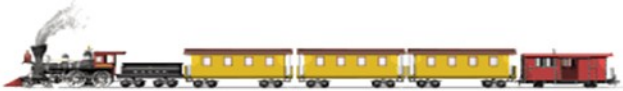
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Regards

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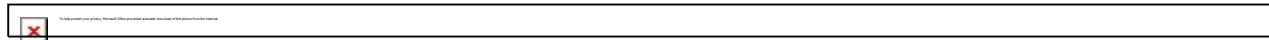
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Attachments: Hugo + Khoe Prelim layout.kmz

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CapeNature would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed development and would like to make the following comments. Please note that our comments only pertain to the biodiversity related impacts and not to the overall desirability of the proposed development.

Desktop Information

The proposed wind energy facility (WEF) is located on six adjoined cadastres with more than two thirds of the study area classified as Ecological Support Area 1 (ESA), sections of critical Biodiversity Area 1 (CBA) and Other Natural in the east ESA 2 along the watercourses and pathces of No Natural in the south west as mapped in the Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Plan (WCBSP). There is additionally Protected Area along the western boundary which correlates with the Matroosberg Mountain Catchment Area (MCA). The vegetation across most of the site consists of Matjiesfontein Shale Renosterveld, with a ridge of Matjiesfontein Quartzite Fynbos in the central sections and North Langeberg Sandstone Fynbos in the southwest. All three vegetation types are least concern. Several watercourses are mapped traversing the sites.

Project Proposal

The results from the National Web-Based Screening Tool are presented and scoping level specialist studies have been undertaken for each of the ecological themes which is supported. These are terrestrial biodiversity, aquatic biodiversity, plant species, animal species, avifauna and bats.

A preferred layout of turbines has been presented. The proposal is that the layout will be refined based on the outcomes of the scoping specialist studies therefore there aren't alternative layouts presented at this stage. It is noted that the application is currently for the maximum extent of development. It is therefore assumed that the current preferred layout is primarily based on technical considerations and the best wind resource. The connecting roads and cabling alignments must also be presented and assessed. Two alternative locations have been provided for the battery energy storage system (BESS) and laydown area.

Terrestrial Biodiversity Scoping Report

The terrestrial biodiversity scoping report primarily focuses on the results from the screening tool. We wish to note that the primary informant for the terrestrial biodiversity themes for the screening tool is the WCBSP as discussed above. The critical biodiversity areas (CBAs) and ESAs are briefly mentioned and depicted on a map. We wish to note that the Western Cape Biodiversity Act (Act 6 of 2021) has been gazetted and replaces the Nature Conservation Ordinance, with a phased implementation. We recommend that the legislation section of the Scoping Report should be amended accordingly (refers to the Northern Cape Nature Conservation Act). In this regard, according to the WCBA, the Biodiversity Spatial Plan must *inter alia* inform land use planning and decision making and decisions and actions by any organ of state whose policies and decisions have an impact on biodiversity. The Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Plan Handbook should be referred to in order evaluate the development proposal in relation to the WCBSP mapping categories (Pool-Stanvliet et al, 2017)

We further wish to query Table 3 indicating animal species of conservation concern, in particular the inclusion of *Thalassarche melanophris* (black-browed albatross), which is an exclusively marine species and several of the large mammal species for which the facility is outside of the natural distribution range e.g. plains zebra (*Equus quagga*).

We wish to note that the terrestrial biodiversity scoping study is based only on desktop information and does not include a description of ground-truthed information. Based on the aerial imagery of the site, the sections of the site which are mapped as No Natural in the WCBSP consist of cultivated lands or lands which have been recently cultivated which is also reflected in the crop census on CapeFarmMapper. We wish to advise that location of the turbines and associated infrastructure within the transformed cultivated lands would be preferred from a terrestrial biodiversity perspective.

Potential constraints for the development proposal should be identified within the environmental impact assessment (EIA) phase. The site survey methodology for the EIA phase will be concurrent with the plant and animal species assessments as described below and would satisfy the requirements.

Aquatic Impact Assessment Report

The scoping phase aquatic biodiversity assessment includes a delineation of natural and artificial aquatic features in the study area. The rivers/drainage lines which were verified more or less match the mapping of the National Geo-spatial Information (NGI) mapping. Only one small depression wetland in the south was mapped according to the National Wetland Map with more wetlands occurring south of the project boundary. The specialist however identified several other wetlands within the project boundary, in particular associated with the watercourses on the large property Helpmekaar 9/148. There were also several artificial wetlands (farm dams) which were identified in the National Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Area (NFEPA) mapping as indicated in Figure 5.

Buffer zones have been assigned to the freshwater features using the buffer zone tool. These are 60 m for wetlands, 50 m for rivers/drainage lines and no buffer for artificial dams. The aquatic features are split into four types namely highly lying seeps, low-lying watercourses with alluvial floodplains, watercourses with riverine wetlands and artificial dams and weirs. The map of the freshwater features needs to however be provided at a finer resolution than currently presented due to the large extent of the study area, and should differentiate between the different types of wetlands according to the national classification. The freshwater features and associated buffer zones serve as a suitable informant as an aquatic biodiversity constraint.

The EIA phase assessment must include an assessment of all infrastructure, including roads and cabling and provide appropriate mitigation measures. The WET-Health and WET-EcoServices tools should be applied as appropriate to the freshwater features to assist with assessing the impacts. Additional fieldwork is not proposed for the EIA phase and should not be necessary as wetlands and riparian areas have been delineated. Impacts associated with the refined development layout and alternatives should be assessed.

Botanical Scoping Report

The botanical scoping report presents the results from the screening tool and provides a list of the species of conservation concern which were triggered in the screening tool. Most of the site is medium sensitivity with a few patches of low sensitivity. The methodology undertaken to date consists of a desktop study and a site visit for a general overview, however no evaluation of plant species present on site has taken place.

The proposed methodology for the detailed site survey will be belt transects which is in accordance with the Species Environmental Assessment Guidelines (SANBI 2020). The entire extent of the study area containing natural vegetation should be surveyed for the EIA Phase. The constraints for the plant species theme cannot be determined until the detailed site survey has been completed. The time of year of the site survey should be optimal for identifying all species present. The EIA Phase study must comply further with the Species Environmental Assessment Guidelines.

Animal Species Specialist Scoping Report

The animal species scoping report uses the species flagged in the site sensitivity screening report as the departure point. Nine species were flagged of which five are game species which have been reintroduced and are not assessed further e.g. lion, elephant. The tortoise species is reported as least concern and the butterfly species as unlikely to occur and therefore both excluded from further assessment. Reasons that it is unlikely that *Aloeides caledoni* (threatened butterfly) is present on site or will be affected by the development should be provided. We wish to note however that the screening tool only flagged two non-avian species, namely *Bunolagus monticularis* and *Aloeides caledoni*, both of which were rated medium sensitivity.

Only critically endangered riverine rabbit (*Bunolagus monticularis*), vulnerable leopard (*Panthera pardus*) and near threatened grey rhebuck (*Pelea capreolus*) were considered relevant to the study and assessed further. We wish to note however that although the screening tool is used to flag particular species, the study should include an inventory of all species and an evaluation of the impact on animal species in general. There may additionally be species of conservation concern present that have not been recorded on the site or vicinity thereof and would therefore not be reflected in the screening tool. We wish to note that the Species Protocol (GN 1150, October 2020) states “2.2.11 discuss the presence or likelihood of additional SCC

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The primary methodology was the placement of nine camera traps for a duration of 10 months between February and December. The placement is assumed to have targeted riverine rabbit within the riparian vegetation with the largest proportion in the north-eastern section of the site. It would have been beneficial to have one or two camera traps targeting other habitats on site and hence also targeting other species. An example would be the fynbos habitat within the MCA on site which could support suitable leopard habitat.

Confirmation is provided that riverine rabbit was recorded on the camera trap surveys with particular reference to two of the nine camera traps. The report does not however provide a detailed account of the number of riverine rabbit records per camera trap and time of year and it is further noted that the duration of placement of each camera trap varied. The camera trap survey should be used to provide a broad relative estimate of the abundance of the species on site. Grey rhebuck were also recorded on the camera traps. As indicated above, it would be useful to report on other species which may have been recorded on the camera traps. Species which are important indicators or keystone species would be informative.

We wish to note that the appendices have not been included and are required to assess the report e.g. experience with critically endangered taxa such as riverine rabbit needs to be established. Given the confirmed occurrence of riverine rabbit within the study area, sampling should be continued into the EIA phase. We recommend that it is essential that the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT) is consulted within the EIA phase with regards to the confirmed presence of riverine rabbit within the context of the regional and global population of this species and to provide further recommendations regarding their sensitivity to the development proposal. It is noted that for the EIA phase the camera trap surveys will be supplemented by drive transects. Apart from more camera traps (with EWT's advice on placement), methods should include searches for spoor, burrows, scat, etc, and possibly also make use of a trained scent detection dog.

The site ecological importance (SEI) for each of the three targeted species is provided however does not include an explanation for the ratings. The reasoning for the rating for the conservation importance, functional integrity and receptor resilience for each of the species should be specified in accordance with the criteria in the Species Environmental Assessment Guidelines in order to validate the ratings. The SEI map in Figure 5 is based on the screening tool maps. The mapping of the constraints should be refined based on the site-specific mapping of habitat and species occurrence and should be used to inform the layout. Potential corridors for the key species should also be identified and taken into consideration. Cumulative impacts should also be considered in the EIA phase.

Avifaunal Impact Assessment

An avifaunal impact assessment was undertaken and includes collision risk modelling. Pre-construction monitoring was undertaken for a 12 month period in accordance with the Birds and Wind Energy Best Practice Guidelines (Jenkins *et al* 2015). The species flagged in the screening tool were monitored in addition to other priority species identified by Birdlife South Africa (Ralston-Paton *et al* 2017).

Cutting-edge collision risk modelling was undertaken which according to the report is only the third time this has been applied in South Africa. The modelling could only be undertaken with species which undertook four flights or more with priority given to species of

conservation concern and was therefore undertaken for seven species. For the species of conservation concern flights recorded on the study site, blue cranes (*Anthropoides paradiseus* – near threatened) and Verreaux's eagles (*Aquila verreauxii* – vulnerable) were responsible for approximately a quarter, southern black korhaan (*Afrotis afra*) for 30% and black harrier (*Circus maurus*) for 18%. The collision risk model however takes into account a number of variables and focuses on the flight time (as opposed to individual flights) and further flight time within the rotor swept area as well as other variables such as habitat suitability. Estimated mortality rates are an output from the model and includes three scenarios, namely no mitigation, spatial model avoidance and spatial model avoidance and micro-siting. For the latter scenario, the highest modelled fatality rates for species of conservation concern are approximately 0.1 per annum for Verreaux's eagles, black harrier and blue crane and approximately 0.2 per annum for jackal buzzards (*Buteo rufescens*) and booted eagle (*Aquila pennatus*) among other priority species.

The collision risk model vulnerability maps have been used as the informant for the constraints for avifauna for the proposed turbine layout. The maps are however presented as a cumulative map for the seven species which were modelled and further for the split between the species of conservation concern and the least concern species. A risk map has however been provided for the Verreaux's eagles which clearly indicates that the ridges are a higher risk as expected. This has not however been undertaken for the other species, as it would be informative due to the differing habitat preferences and behaviour of the species. The appropriate mitigation measures may differ according to the species most at risk for a particular location. We recommend that the results from the collision risk models should be reconciled with data which has been collected to date for post construction mortality monitoring for other WEFs.

Reference is made to the species specific guidelines for Verreaux's eagles and black harrier (Ralston-Paton & Murgatroyd 2021, Simmons *et al* 2020). The nest buffers for these guidelines include a 3 km buffer for black harrier and a 3.7 km buffer for Verreaux's eagle where a risk assessment model is used (5.2 km without a model). An inactive martial eagle (*Polemaetus bellicosus*) nest is located 670 m from the eastern boundary. In the absence of species specific guidelines, a 3 km buffer has been applied and would have been increased to 5.7 km had it been active. No black harrier or Verreaux's eagle nests were recorded or listed on databases. Confirmation of compliance with the monitoring requirements of these guidelines should be provided.

While the Scoping Report does not indicate that any of the specialist studies have been used to inform the layout, the avifaunal impact assessment indicates that it has been used to inform the layout. In this regard we note that the layout included in Figure 3 of the avifaunal impact assessment excludes some of the wind turbines from the project layout plan included as a separate appendix. The excluded turbines presumably take into account the avifaunal risk constraints. Further detail should be provided regarding the recommended amendments to the layout and should make reference to specific species risk. We note that cumulative impacts of WEFs in the vicinity of the site have also been included and assessed, which is important. The impact assessment phase assessment must include confirmed mitigation measures.

Bat Scoping Report

The bat scoping report indicates that pre-construction monitoring has taken place over seven and a half months between January and August using bat detectors at heights of 100 m, 50 m and 10 m. Species potentially present are provided and bat habitats present on the site. The

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report states that a full year of monitoring is required before the constraints can be accurately identified, however preliminary results are presented. *Neoromicia capensis* is the most commonly recorded species, however *Tadarida aegyptiaca* has the majority of the flights at 100 m which is therefore the most risky flights. No major concerns have been identified at this stage and a preliminary constraints map has been provided. The impact assessment phase assessment must include confirmed mitigation measures.

Mountains Catchment Area

As indicated above, the project area includes a section of the Matroosberg MCA in the south west and there are wind turbines proposed within the MCA. MCAs are considered as protected areas according to the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act (NEM:PAA), however there are no regulations in place which can guide development proposals. The MCAs are included in the WCBA, however the Mountain Catchment Areas Act has not yet been repealed.

The purpose of the privately owned MCAs is to ensure landscape scale management of the catchments to ensure that they fulfil their ecological function of water supply to downstream areas. No developments which compromise this function would be permitted within MCAs. An important consideration is the fire risk to wind turbines which must be evaluated, since fire is common occurrence and an ecological driver in MCAs.

We recommend that the wind turbines should be located outside of the MCAs as wind turbines can be considered as large scale developments which are not appropriate within an MCA whereby the catchment function can be compromised. The buffer zones calculated in the aquatic assessment should be increased for freshwater features within MCAs and Strategic Water Source Areas (SWSAs).

Conclusion

We recommend that the constraints identified in each of the scoping specialist studies should be used to inform the layout of the WEF. A cumulative constraints map overlay as well as for each of the individual studies should be presented in order to establish whether all constraints have been taken into account. The map should be at a fine scale resolution and ideally also be accompanied by shapefiles or kmz files to allow for fine scale interrogation. The layout also needs to include the internal roads, electrical cabling and other supporting infrastructure, which must also be assessed in each of the specialist impact assessments.

CapeNature will provide further comment on the development proposal once the above has been undertaken and the impact assessments for the full development proposal are complete. All specialist impact assessments must include detailed mitigation measures which must be incorporated into the Environmental Management Programme. While it is noted that the layout alternatives are being approached in an iterative process, the changes need to be clearly indicated in order to assess whether alternatives have been adequately considered.

We further wish to summarise the key comments on the specialist scoping studies:

- The terrestrial biodiversity impact assessment should indicate if there are any constraints to the layout and preferred localities for the infrastructure, taking into account transformed areas e.g. cultivated lands.
- The constraints identified in the aquatic biodiversity assessment must be used to inform the development layout including the roads and cabling, for which the impacts associated with crossings must be assessed and mitigation measures recommended.
- Constraints based on plant species of conservation concern must be identified and taken into account in the layout. This will need to be undertaken following a detailed site survey in accordance with the Species Environmental Assessment Guidelines.

- For the animal species assessment, the camera trap survey should include additional localities, not only those targeting riverine rabbit e.g. leopards are more likely to be encountered in the areas of natural habitat. Other species encountered also need to be reported, in particular indicator and keystone species. Constraints to the development must be identified and mapped. EWT must be consulted to advise regarding riverine rabbits.
- Constraints for avifauna have already been identified and amendments to the layout recommended. We recommend that the risks to the individual species needs to be described, not only the cumulative risk to all priority species.
- Constraints for bats must be identified following the full monitoring period.
- Wind turbines and associated infrastructure should be located outside of the MCA.

CapeNature reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received.

Yours sincerely



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 7 February 2024 17:56
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Cc: [REDACTED]
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- Draft Scoping Report for the Proposed Hugo Wind Energy Facility, De Doorns District, Breede Valley Municipality

Regards

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Please can we request shapefiles indicating the proposed development layouts? This will allow us to interrogate the development proposal in relation to our GIS data, which we wish to undertake prior to submitting comment on the Draft Scoping Reports.

Regards

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Thank you for your email. Kindly note that you have been registered onto the stakeholder database as requested.

Kind regards,



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Thank you for the good work you are doing.

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Subject: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Hugo Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

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Kind regards,



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Thank you for your reminder whereby I respond as follows:

I [REDACTED] in my capacity as Managing Director of [REDACTED] hereby confirm that I have read the draft scoping report and am wholeheartedly in support of the Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities as proposed.

I have no objections to Wind Energy Farms in our area because Green energy such as wind and solar is our planet's future.

Kind regards.

From: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 2:50 PM
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Dear Stakeholder,

This is a kindly reminder that the 30-day comment period for the Hugo Draft Scoping Report is underway. Please submit your comments by the 8 February 2024.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have further questions.

Kind regards,



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For Water Registrations enquiries: [REDACTED] should be able to help or point in the right direction.

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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	8043	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Finance Officer: Revenue
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Regards
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Att: [REDACTED]

**Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Hugo Wind Energy Facility
near De Doorns, Western Cape**

The purpose of this report is to provide comment on the proposed development on behalf of The Western Cape Department of Agriculture, Directorate: Sustainable Resource Use and Management, Sub-Programme: LandCare.

1. Farm Details

Farm Owner: FE Hugo & Khoe (Pty) Ltd

Farm Name: [REDACTED] (Pty) Ltd (9/148) & Blue Dot Prop 424 (Pty) Ltd

Location: Approximately 33.5 km southeast of De Doorns within the Breede Valley Local Municipality and the Cape Winelands District Municipality.

Property: RE/145, RE/147, RE/172, 173, 174 & 9/148

2. Legislative Context

As per the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act: Act 43 of 1983 (CARA) regulations, the landowner and/or user should:

- Protect the cultivated land on his farm unit effectively against excessive soil loss as a result of erosion through the action of water and wind.
- Protect the irrigated land on his farm unit effectively against waterlogging and salinization.
- Not utilize the vegetation in a vlei, marsh or water sponge or within the flood area of a watercourse or within 10 meters horizontally outside flood area in a manner that causes or may cause the deterioration of or damage to the natural agricultural resources.
- Should not develop any slopes more than 20% grade unless authorized in writing by the executive officer.
- Remove and control all declared weeds and invasive plants as listed in Regulation 15, Table 3.

3. Observations/Discussion

Environmental Resource Management Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd ('ERM') has been appointed by FE Hugo & Khoe (Pty) Ltd to act as the independent environmental impact assessment practitioner (EAP) to undertake the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process for Environmental Authorization, as stated in the Draft Scoping Report.

With a maximum combined output capacity of 360 MW and an anticipated lifespan of 20–25 years, the proposed Hugo WEF will consist of up to 48 turbines, each with an approximate capacity of 7.5 MW. The final total will be finalized after the public participation process has been completed. A site visit may be conducted later in the EIA process.

As extracted from the Draft Scoping Report, the proposed development will comprise of the following infrastructure:

- Up to 48 wind turbines with a maximum tip height of up to 250 m and a rotor diameter of up to 200m.
- Each turbine will have a capacity of up to 7.5MW
- A transformer at the base of each turbine.
- Concrete turbine foundations - approximately up to 1000m² per turbine.
- Each turbine will have a hardstand of approximately up to 7500m² per turbine.

- Temporary laydown areas (with a footprint of up to 9 ha), which will accommodate the boom erection, storage and assembly area.
- Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) (with a footprint of up to approximately 5 ha).
- Cabling between the turbines, to be laid underground where practical.
- One on-site substation of up to 2.5 ha in extent to facilitate the connection between the WEF and the electricity grid.
- Access roads to the site and between project components inclusive of stormwater infrastructure. A 13.5 m road corridor may be temporarily impacted upon during construction and rehabilitated to 6m wide after construction.

A temporary site camp establishment and concrete batching plants (with a combined footprint of up to 1 ha).

- Operation and Maintenance (O&M) buildings (with a combined footprint of up to 1 ha) including a gate house, security building, control centre, offices, warehouses, a workshop and visitor's centre.

The property is currently used for the grazing of livestock, approximately 11 ha for cultivating wheat and 1.6ha for planted pastures, as can be seen from Cape Farm Mapper Version 3. The preferred alternative for the substation, BESS, OM and laydown area is situated on fallow land. Turbines 14, 17, 20, 22, 24 and 25 are also situated on fallow land. A desk-top study informs the recommendations made below.

4. Comments/Recommendations

- 4.1. After the construction phase of the WEF, the new impermeable hard surfaces will have runoff generated from it. The hard standing foundations also impede the normal flow of the surface and subsurface water. The areas must be monitored for signs of erosion and waterlogging and mitigation measures must be implemented to reduce these risks. Such mitigation measures, among others, would include the installation of drainage pipes that would reduce the risk of waterlogged areas around the turbine foundation. This may be especially necessary for turbines 14,17, 20, 22, 24 and 25 as it is situated on fallow land previously cultivated as well as for the preferred alternative for the substation, laydown area, BESS and OM. The same principle applies to the establishment of new roads or access routes. The proposed new access road to the turbines would be crossing the natural drainage lines of the drainage basin. The Department, therefore, requests that a detailed water run-off control plan be developed and implemented.
- 4.2. The Western Cape Department of Agriculture has no objection to the proposed Wind Energy Facility on condition that the agricultural activities takes place on a continuous basis throughout all phases of the project.

- 4.3. Clear communication must be established between the farmer and the applicant so that the project activities do not interfere with the day-to-day farming operations.
- 4.4. Should the waterlogged areas become a problem the farmer/landowner may contact the Local LandCare office for assistance in this regard.
- 4.5. Further comment will be provided once more information becomes available and a site visit has been conducted, should it be required.

Yours sincerely

Sadiya Salie

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 7 February 2024 08:22
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Hugo Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province
Attachments: Official comments from DoA-Khoe WEF.pdf; Official comments from DoA-Hugo WEF.pdf
Categories: Red Category

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Good morning [REDACTED]

I trust this email finds you well.

Kindly find attached the Official comments from WCDoA: LandCare.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Kind regards.

[REDACTED]



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Sent: Tuesday, 09 January 2024 08:45
To: [REDACTED] ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Hugo Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

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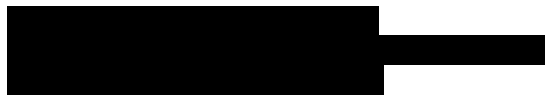
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Sent: Wednesday, 17 January 2024 08:51
To: [REDACTED]; ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities
Subject: RE: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Hugo Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province
Attachments: Hugo + Khoe Prelim layout.kmz

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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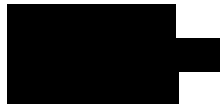
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 4 February 2024 20:56
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities
Subject: RE: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Hugo Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

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Hi [REDACTED]

I trust you are well.

Please provide the details of all the landowners and the property numbers involved in this project.

Do you have a DFFE reference number yet?

Kind regards.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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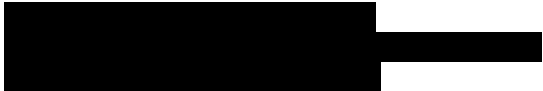
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Sadiya Salie

From: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities
Sent: Monday, 5 February 2024 15:08
To: [REDACTED]; ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities
Subject: RE: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Hugo Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

Hi [REDACTED],

Kindly see below details as requested:

Hugo landowner details:

Landowner: [REDACTED] (Pty) Ltd
Contact person: [REDACTED]
Portion 9 of the Farm Helpmekaar no. 148

Landowner: Blue Dot Prop 424 (Pty) Ltd
Contact Person: [REDACTED]
Portion RE of Farm Ou de Kraal 145, Portion RE of Farm Stinkfonteins Berg 147, Portion RE of Farm Stinkfontein 172, Portion 0 of Farm Driehoek 173 and Portion RE of Farm Presents Kraal 174

DFFE Reference: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2485

Khoe landowner details:

Landowner: Sandvlei Trust
Contact person: [REDACTED]
Portion 1 of the farm Eendragt no. 38, Portion 2 (RE) of the farm Eendragt no. 38, Portion 11 of the farm Eendracht no. 38

Landowner: [REDACTED]
Contact person: [REDACTED]
Portion 0 of farm no. 193

Landowner: [REDACTED]
Contact person: [REDACTED]
Portion 0 of farm Eendragt no. 37

DFEE Reference: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2484

Please do not hesitate to contact me, should you have any further questions.

Kind Regards



Sadiya Salie
Consultant

ERM 1st Floor, 240 Main Road
Rondebosch, Great Westerford, **erm.com**
Cape Town
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From: [Redacted]

Sent: Sunday, February 4, 2024 8:56 PM

To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>

Subject: RE: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Hugo Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

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Good day

Thank you for your email.

I am currently on annual leave. You can contact my PA, [REDACTED], or direct correspondence to [REDACTED] would be Acting Chief Director during my absence.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 12 January 2024 09:31
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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your mail.
I confirm receipt of the documents and note the timelines for commentary.

Kind Regards / Vriendelike Groete



On Mon, 8 Jan 2024 at 10:13, ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com> wrote:

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Dear Client/Colleagues,

I am on leave from Monday, 18/12/2023 and will only be back in office on Monday 15/01/2024. Please forward all emails/enquiries to [REDACTED] during December and [REDACTED] from January:

[REDACTED]

Thank you [REDACTED]

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Reference: Hugo & Khoe WEF

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PER E-MAIL

Dear [Redacted].

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED KHOE & HUGO WIND ENERGY FACILITIES NEAR DE DOORNS, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation has reviewed and evaluated the reports.

The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation has reviewed and evaluated the reports and does not have any objection to the draft Scoping Report and the Plan of Study for EIA, however, 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, the Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA for review and queries should be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email; BCAdmin@dfpe.gov.za for the attention of Mr. Seoka Lekota.

Yours faithfully

[Redacted signature block]



Sadiya Salie

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 8 January 2024 10:15
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities
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Thank you.

08 January 2024

ERM Reference: 0695823

Dear Stakeholder

**Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Hugo Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province**

Environmental Resources Management Southern Africa Pty Ltd (ERM) was appointed by FE Hugo and Khoe (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the proposed establishment of the Hugo wind energy facility (WEF) and associated infrastructure in the Western Cape Province. This Project requires an Environmental Authorisation (EA) from the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended (NEMA). The proposed Project triggers the following Listed Activity:

- Listing Notice 1 (LN1): Basic Assessment (BA) of the EIA Regulations, promulgated under Government Notice R983 of 4 December 2014, as amended by Government Notice R327 of 7 April 2017.
- Listing Notice 2 (LN2): Scoping and EIA (S&EIA) of the EIA Regulations, promulgated under Government Notice R984 of 4 December 2014, as amended by Government Notice R325 of 7 April 2017.
- Listing Notice 3 (LN3): Basic Assessment (BA) of the EIA Regulations, promulgated under Government Notice R985 of 4 December 2014, as amended by Government Notice R324 of 7 April 2017.

“Based on the project understanding, the project triggers listed activities of Listing Notice 2 and is therefore subject to a full Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) Process.”

This notification serves to announce the availability of the Draft Scoping Report for a 30-day public comment period from 8 January 2024 – 8 February 2024. The Draft Scoping Report can be accessed on the project website detailed below. Stakeholders are also encouraged to request a hard copy of the report from the email address detailed below should they wish. The Draft Scoping Report was compiled in accordance with the regulatory requirements stipulated in the EIA Regulations (GN R 327 of April 2017) promulgated in terms of Section 24(5) of NEMA.

Stakeholders are invited to register as an Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and to participate in the S&EIA processes by providing comments on the Scoping Report. Registered I&APs will be kept informed about the Project.

To register as an I&AP or submit comments, please contact [REDACTED] at ERM:

Email: HugoKhoe@erm.com

Website: <https://www.erm.com/hugoandkhoe/>

We look forward to your participation in this process.

Yours sincerely,

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Consultant



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Best wishes
[REDACTED]

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Should your matter be urgent please contact Acting Chief Director [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]

The office can be contacted on [REDACTED] between 07:30-16:00

Have a blessed festive season and a joyiful and safe New Year.

Regards

Karen

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To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities
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Warm regards
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To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Subject: [CAUTION:EXTERNAL EMAIL] Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Hugo Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

Dear Stakeholder,

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Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have further questions.

Kind regards,



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Sadiya Salie

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 22 January 2024 07:49
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities
Subject: RE: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

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Dear Sadiya

Thank you, your project does not affect Transmission Eskom lines.

Warm regards

From: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Sent: Friday, 19 January 2024 09:10
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [CAUTION:EXTERNAL EMAIL] RE: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

Good day [REDACTED]

Please find the attached kmz file as requested.

Kind regards,



[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2024 8:17 AM
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Subject: RE: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

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Sadiya Salie

From: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities
Sent: Wednesday, 24 January 2024 08:08
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities
Subject: RE:

Morning [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. Please note that both the Hugo and Khoe projects are located near De Doorns town in the Western Cape Province. Kindly find the draft scoping reports and associated appendices for each of the projects in the project website below:

<https://www.erm.com/hugoandkhoe/>

Kind regards,



[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 7:23 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE:

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Hi [REDACTED]

Please confirm receipt of this email.

Regards
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 8:19 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject:

Deae [REDACTED]

Your Wind Energy adverts placed 14 Dec 2023 refers.

Please may I have the location of the proposed facilities.

Regards



Sadiya Salie

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 8 January 2024 14:05
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[REDACTED]

Regards

[REDACTED]

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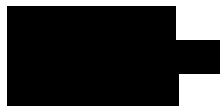
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Sent: Thursday, 25 January 2024 13:04
To: [REDACTED] ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities
Subject: RE: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Hugo Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

Good day [REDACTED]

Thank you for your comment.

Please be assured that a formal application will be lodged as part of the pre-construction / planning process, prior to the commencement of construction activities.

Kind regards,



[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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From: Lizell Stroh <StrohL@caa.co.za>
Sent: Monday, January 8, 2024 2:05 PM
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Information Document

Development around Aerodromes

Developers planning developments and more specifically housing developments around aerodromes should take cognisance of the following: -

1. The most critical part of flight is the take off. Far less critical but never the less still potentially dangerous is the landing.
2. An incident relating to a take off and landing should be rated as probable, i.e. it will happen, sooner or later.
3. The noise of any aircraft taking off is in the vicinity of 100 decibel ⁽¹⁾ (dB). At 60 m above the ground, a sound level of more than 100 dBA ⁽²⁾ can be realised. (See SANS standard below).

The extent of existing and future aircraft noise over a proposed development must be determined to ensure that the township layout and land uses are in line with **Chapter 6 of the Draft White Paper on National Civil Aviation Policy** and the applicable laws.

Failure to comply with the above will result in the creation of an environment that is not compatible with residential and associated land uses.

4. High levels of exhaust gases emitted at low levels especially at take off where aircraft engines are at maximum power.
5. Risk of chemical pollutants like fuel, lubricants and pesticides (from crop spraying aircraft) etc.
6. Navigation equipment of different types, radiating electromagnetic energy in different frequency bands. From the **Medium Frequency** (MF) band (low hundreds of Kilohertz below the "Broadcast AM band"), to the **Very High Frequency** (VHF) band (above the "Broadcast FM" band starting at 108 Megahertz), to the **Ultra High Frequency** (UHF) band (above M-net and e-TV frequencies) and to frequencies in the **Microwave bands** are used on and around aerodromes. These

⁽¹⁾ *The decibel (dB) is used to measure sound level. The dB is a logarithmic unit used to describe a ratio where the log base is 10. 10 dB would represent a 10-fold increase, 20 dB a 100-fold increase, 60 dB a million fold increase etc., in the level.*

⁽²⁾ *The decibel A-weighted (dBA) relates to the response of the human ear where 0dB is the threshold of hearing, i.e. the smallest sound a human can hear.*

facilities are most often placed on the extended centre line of runways. The effects of long term radiation from navigation equipment especially on children that could be playing in the vicinity of such equipment, has not been proven. **The only safeguard from electromagnetic radiation is distance.**

7. Structures built in the near vicinity of an aerodrome, especially in the approach path to a runway, has the potential to interfere with the proper operation of navigational equipment, both on the ground and on airborne equipment. In addition, expected spin-offs from such developments such as lights, sunlight reflections from roofs, trees that will grow high in time and smoke also have the potential to endanger aviation.

Furthermore, factories in the vicinity of aerodromes emitting large volumes of hot air/gasses can seriously affect the flying conditions of aircraft by producing high velocity ascending airflow being replaced by high velocity descending airflow. This could head to loss of control of aircraft by the rapid succession of down then up and down again forces exerted on aircraft, which in severe cases could also lead to structural damage to aircraft.

It can hence reasonably be deduced that especially the approach areas to an aerodrome are neither safe nor healthy to live in. It is against this background, that the areas in line with a runway was traditionally zoned for “Agriculture” in the immediate proximity of an aerodrome and for “Light industry” in the adjacent area.

SANS Standard 10117

1	2
Type of district	Equivalent continuous day/night rating levels ($L_{eq,day,night}$) dBA
RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS²	
a) Low Density (<25 units/hectare) (Schools, churches, educational)	45
b) Medium Density (<25 to 100 units/hectare) (Schools, churches, educational)	50
c) High Density (>100 units/hectare) (Schools, churches, educational, conference)	55
NON-RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS	
d) Commercial districts (Retail shopping, offices, consulting rooms)	60
e) Commercial/ industrial districts (Central business, district motor trade, warehousing, etc)	65
f) Agriculture (livestock and breeding) Cemeteries	65
g) Industrial (Manufacturing, assembly, repairing, packaging, bus depots, builders yards, etc)	70
h) Agriculture, land tenure, (not livestock), picnic facilities, open spaces (vacant land)	75
i) Forbidden areas – no development allowed	>80

Source: SABS 0117 (Ed.2)

The following should be noted: -

It is clear that all legislation effecting such development is seldom properly investigated, especially as far as noise is concerned.

From a national level, noise is regulated by six acts, namely:

- *The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa Act, 1996* (Act No. 108 of 1996).
- *The Environment Conservation Act, 1989* (Act No 73 of 1989).
- *The Standards Act, 1982* (Act No 30 of 1982).
- *The Road Traffic Act, 1996* (Act No 93 of 1996). (And attendant Regulations).
- *The Civil Aviation Act, 2009*, (Act No 13 of 2009).
- *The Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993* (Act No 85 of 1993).

Other relevant legislation is:

EIA Regulations

National/Provincial Noise Control Regulations.

National Policy on Aircraft Noise and Engine Emissions.

Issues

- i) The legal proving of noise impact/noise disturbance/noise nuisance requires that an appropriate scientific and technical approach be applied in any investigation/evaluation of any noise-related problem.
- ii) Requirements placed on new developments/rezoning/consent uses regarding noise impact evaluation require a uniform and scientific approach.

Scope and Details

- i) Noise measurement and calculations shall be undertaken in accordance with the appropriate standards. Reference to a standard is deemed to be a reference to the latest edition of that standard.
- ii) The procedure set out in **SANS 10328 (SABS 0328)**, *Methods for Environmental Noise Impact Assessments* shall be used as a guide for all noise impact investigations.
- iii) **SANS 10103:2003**, *The Measurement and Rating of Environmental Noise with Respect to Land Use, Health, Annoyance and to Speech Communications* is to be used as the specific reference for *the acceptable rating levels for noise in districts*.
Also all noise measurement surveys are to be undertaken in accordance with this standard.
- iv) **SANS 10210 (SABS 0210)**, *Calculating and Predicting Road Traffic Noise* is to be used to calculate *supplementary* controlled areas related to road traffic as well as any road traffic problem noise levels.

- v) **SANS 10117:2003**, *Calculation and Prediction of Aircraft Noise around Airports for Land Use Purposes* is to be used to calculate the noisiness index related to the establishment of *supplementary controlled areas* around airports and military air bases.
SANS 10117 specifies that the Integrated Noise Model (INM) which has been developed and issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is to be used to calculate the noise contours around airports.
- vi) **SANS 10357 (SABS 0357)**, *The Calculation of Sound Propagation by the Concave Method* is to be used for the calculation of *supplementary controlled areas* related to any major noise source(s).
- vii) The procedures set out in **SANS 10181 (SABS 0181)**, *The Measurement of Noise Emitted by Road Vehicles when Stationary* and **SANS 10205 (SABS 0205)**, *The Measurement of Noise Emitted by Motor Vehicles in Motion* will be used for the monitoring of individual motor vehicles.
- viii) Procedures are set out in the various SABS ISO Acoustics Codes of Practice.

It is most likely that most, if not all of the development will fall in an area where the noise level would exceed the 55 dBA limit set for residential development.

- **Section 24 of the Constitution** provides that "*everyone has the right ... to an environment that is not harmful to their health or well-being; and ... to have the environment protected for the benefit of present and future generations through reasonable legislative and other measures that*
 - (i) *prevent pollution and ecological degradation;*
 - (ii) *promote conservation; and*
 - (iii) *secure ecologically sustainable development and use of natural resources while promoting justifiable economic and social development.*"

The Constitution thus, compels government to give effect to people's environmental rights and places government under a legal duty to act as a responsible custodian of the nation's environment. This would apply to developments around airports.

CIVIL AVIATION REGULATIONS, 2011 to the CIVIL AVIATION ACT, 2009 (ACT NO 13 OF 2009)

Regulations from The Civil Aviation Act relating to Obstacles (Extract)

Obstacle limitations and markings outside aerodrome or heliport **139.01.30**

(1) All objects, whether temporary or permanent, which project above the horizontal surface within a specified radius of 8 kilometers as measured from the aerodrome reference point should be marked as specified in Document SA-CATS 139.

(2) Any other object which projects the horizontal surface beyond these radii or above the conical surface and which constitutes a potential hazard to aircraft must be marked as specified in Document SA-CATS 139.

(3) Buildings or other objects which will constitute an obstruction or potential hazard to aircraft moving in the navigable air space in the vicinity of an aerodrome, or navigation aid, or which will adversely affect the performance of the radio navigation or instrument landing systems, must not be erected or allowed to come into existence without the prior approval of the Director.

(4) No buildings or objects higher than 45 meters above the mean level of the landing area, or, in the case of a water aerodrome or heliport, the normal level of the water, must without the approval of the Director be erected within a distance of 8 kilometer measured from the nearest point on the boundary of an aerodrome or heliport.

(5) No building, structure or object which projects above a slope of 1 in 20 and which is within 3000 meters measured from the nearest point on the boundary of an aerodrome or heliport must, without the prior approval of the Director be erected or be allowed to come into existence.

(6) No building, structure or other object which will project above the approach, transitional or horizontal surfaces of an aerodrome or heliport must, without the prior approval of the Director, be erected or allowed to come into existence.

(7) The obstacle limitation surface as prescribed in Document SA-CATS 139 must be clear of any penetration of obstacles temporary or otherwise.

(8) In the event of a conflict of interest between land use authorities and air space users, air safety must be regarded as predominant and not to be compromised by land development projects or other obstacles.

Protection of radio sites

171.03.3

No structure or object, whether natural or artificial, which have the potential of interfering or degrading radio signals for the purpose of aviation safety, shall be allowed to come in existence or to move or be moved within the surfaces and slopes as prescribed in the Document SA-CATS 171.

Endangering safety

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(1) No person shall, through any act or omission –

- (a) endanger the safety of an aircraft or person therein; or
- (b) cause or permit an aircraft to endanger the safety of any person or property.

(2) No person shall cause, by any means, a beam of light or other energy source, either visible or not, to be emitted towards any aircraft or air traffic control tower or any person therein such that there would be the potential for causing blindness or otherwise adversely affecting the ability of such person to safely carry out his or her duties.

Part 188.00.1 Makes non compliance of the above an offence

1. In accordance with the **Civil Aviation Regulations** (CAR) to the **Civil Aviation Act** (Act 13 of 2009), the standards of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) are applicable.
2. ICAO annex 14 stipulates that all new developments in the approach area shall be below 1,6% (slope of 1: 62,5), if a slope of not exceeding 2% (slope of 1:50) does not already exist. In which case this slope (2% or lower) shall be maintained. The approach area starts at a point 60 m **beyond** the end of the runway and 150 m either side of the extended centre line, diverging by 15% (10 degrees) outwards from this point outwards.

Conclusion

The aerodrome license holder should register safeguarding maps with the Local Planning Authorities and should receive, from the Local Planning Authority, copies of applications for developments in and within the vicinity of the aerodrome.

If against the above background, developers still persist on continuing with development, the existence of mentioned dangers should be reflected in the establishment conditions.


DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

CIVIL AVIATION ACT, 2009 (ACT NO. 13 of 2009)

TWENTY - SIXTH AMENDMENT OF THE CIVIL AVIATION REGULATIONS, 2023

(The English Text is the official text of the Regulations)

I, Sindisiwe Chikunga, Minister of Transport, hereby, in terms of section 155(1) of the Civil Aviation Act, 2009 (Act No. 13 of 2009), make the Regulations set out in the Schedule hereunder.



Ms Sindisiwe Chikunga, MP

Minister of Transport

Date: 2023/03/17

139.01.30

(1) A holder of an aerodrome licence shall monitor a concerned aerodrome and its surroundings to assess permanent or temporary obstacle limitation and penetration surfaces, to establish if any obstacle has an impact on the safety of aircraft operations at such aerodrome.

(2) If an assessment referred to in subregulation (1) identifies any obstacle that negatively impacts on aircraft safety, a holder of an aerodrome licence shall take appropriate action to mitigate the risk and restrict or remove such obstacle.

(3) A holder of an aerodrome licence shall not erect or allow to be erected, without the prior approval of the Director, a building, structure, or object which projects above a slope of 1 in 20 and which is within 3 000 m measured from the nearest point on a boundary of such aerodrome or heliport.

(4) An object, whether temporary or permanent, which projects above the obstacle limitation surfaces within a radius of 8 km as measured from an aerodrome reference point shall be marked as prescribed in Document SA-CATS 139.

(5) An object, whether temporary or permanent, which projects above the obstacle limitation surfaces beyond a radius of 8 km and constitutes a potential hazard to aircraft, shall be marked as prescribed in Document SA-CATS 139.

(6) A holder of an aerodrome licence shall not erect or allow to be erected, without the prior approval of the Director, a building or object which constitutes an obstruction or potential hazard to an aircraft operating in a navigable airspace in the vicinity of an aerodrome, or navigation aid, or which will adversely affect the performance of a radio navigation or ILS.

(7) A holder of an aerodrome licence shall not erect or allow to be erected, without the prior approval of the Director, an object higher than 45 m above the

mean level of a landing area or within 8 km measured from the nearest point on a boundary of an aerodrome.

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(10) A person or authority involved in land development, shall not compromise air safety by authorising or developing any land or erecting a building or obstacle on such land.”;

(d) the insertion in Subpart 2 in the arrangements of regulations of the following Subpart:

“SUBPART 2: LICENSING AND OPERATION OF AERODROMES

- 139.02.1 Requirements for licence
- 139.02.2 Application for licence or amendment thereof
- 139.02.3 Processing of application for licence or amendment thereof
- 139.02.4 Adjudication of application for licence or amendment thereof
- 139.02.5 **[[Issuing]** Issuance of licence
 - 139.02.6 Period of validity
 - 139.02.7 Transferability
 - 139.02.8 Renewal of licence
 - 139.02.9 Licence of intent
 - 139.02.10 Aerodrome design requirements

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Kind regards,



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PER MAIL / E-MAIL

Dear [REDACTED]

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED UP TO 360MW HUGO WIND ENERGY FACILITY (WEF) AND ANCILLARY INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR DE DOORNS, IN BREEDE VALLEY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY AND CAPE WINELANDS DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY WITHIN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE.

The Application for Environmental Authorisation and Draft Scoping Report (SR) dated December 2023 and received and acknowledged by the Department on 14 December 2023, refer.

This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included to the final SR:

1. Listed Activities

- a) The application form includes a repetition of Activity 4 of Listing Notice 3, please correct this.
- b) Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure (including thresholds) as described in the project description. Only activities (and sub-activities) applicable to the development must be applied for and assessed. The physical footprint of the infrastructure in square metres must be provided in support of the applicability of this listed activity/ies.
- c) Ensure to include thresholds for each activity applied for in the application form. The physical footprint of the infrastructure in square metres/hectares/cubic metres is not mentioned in the application form. As such, you are requested to provide the physical footprint of the infrastructure to motivate the applicability of this listed activity/ies.
- d) You are required to confirm whether the competent authority adopts systematic biodiversity plans or bioregional plans. There are certain activities in Listing Notice 3 that requires that *systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans*.
- e) It is imperative that the relevant authorities are continuously involved throughout the environmental impact assessment process, as the development property falls within geographically designated

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areas in terms of Listing Notice 3 Activities i.e. Critical Biodiversity Areas. Written comments must be obtained from the relevant provincial authority (or proof of consultation if no comments were received) and submitted to this Department.

- f) Only applicable listed activities must be applied for and the project description must be specific on what is being proposed in the final EIAR.
- g) Ensure that the SG codes, farm names and numbers are correct and consistent throughout the reports. Provide this information as well as the coordinates of the proposed development in a separate appendix.
- h) Include the GPS Coordinates for the onsite substation and battery energy storage system (BESS) facility. Coordinate must be in the format as prescribed in the 2014 NEAM EIA Regulations, as amended.
- i) If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final SR, an amended application form must be submitted. Please note that the Department's application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link <https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms> .

2. Layout & Sensitivity Maps

- a) All available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the **final** layout map. Existing infrastructure must be used as far as possible, e.g. roads. The layout map must indicate the following:
 - i. Ensure that the titles of the maps are consistent. The preferred layout must be presented in the final layout map.
 - ii. The envisioned area for the wind facility, i.e. final location of turbines and all associated infrastructure including BESS, should be mapped at an appropriate scale.
 - iii. All supporting onsite infrastructure such as laydown areas, guard house, BESS, control room, and buildings, including accommodation etc.
 - iv. All necessary details regarding all locations and sizes of the substations and internal power lines.
 - v. All existing infrastructure on the site, especially internal road infrastructure.
 - vi. Please provide an environmental sensitivity map, if possible, which indicates the following:
 - The location of sensitive environmental features on site, e.g., CBAs, protected areas, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure;
 - Sensitivity Buffer areas; and All "no-go" areas.
- b) It must be emphasised that the final EIAR **must include a final layout map** which adheres to specialist recommendations as well as the identified no-go areas.
- c) The above site-specific map must be overlain with a sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring renewable energy developments and existing grid infrastructure. All available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the map and infrastructure must not encroach on highly sensitive areas as far as possible.
- d) Google maps will not be accepted for decision-making purposes. Ensure that distinct colours are used on the maps to differentiate features, especially on the sensitivity map. In addition, turbines must be numbered for ease of reference.
- e) Include a description of the process to determine the finalised layout i.e. specialist considerations, site sensitivities etc.
- f) It is noted that Wind Turbine Generators (WTG) 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 12 are located within the Matroosberg Mountain Catchment Area and the placement of these turbines must be reconsidered. Furthermore, turbines should not be located in CBA's.

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- g) It is noted that, according to the Flora Specialist report, turbines 5, 6, 7, 1, 2, 11, 10, 9, 12 are located within a 'No-Go' area and Turbine 41 seems to be within a High Sensitivity Area. The position of these turbines must be reconsidered.

3. Public Participation Process

- a) Please ensure that all issues raised, and comments received on the draft SR from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction. This includes but is not limited to the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), the provincial Department of Agriculture, the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA), the Department of Transport, the Local Municipality, the District Municipality, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), the South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL), the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), Dr Samantha Mynhardt And Esther Matthew of the EWT's Drylands Conservation Programme of the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT), BirdLife SA, CapeNature, the Cape Leopard Trust, the Department of Mineral Resources, the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform, the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) and the Department of Environmental Affairs: Directorate Biodiversity and Conservation and Protected Areas. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the Final SR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof must be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.
- b) The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of the approved public participation plan and Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.
- c) A comments and response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final SR. The C&R report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format which reflects the details of the I&APs and date of comments received, actual comments received, and response provided. Please ensure that comments made by I&APs are comprehensively captured (copy verbatim if required) and responded to clearly and fully and in chronological order. Please note that a response such as "Noted" is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP's comments.

4. Specialist Assessments to be conducted in the EIA Phase

- a) Specialist studies to be conducted must provide a detailed description of their methodology, as well as indicate the locations and descriptions of turbines, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisations.
- b) The specialist studies must also provide a detailed description of all limitations to their studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation, will not be accepted.
- c) Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and where necessary, include further expert advice.
- d) It is further brought to your attention that 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, when applying for Environmental Authorisation, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. "the Protocols"), and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species), have come into effect. **Please note that specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with these protocols. Please note further that the protocols require the specialists' to be registered with SACNASP in their respective field.**
- e) Please include a table in the report, summarising the specialist studies required by the Department's Screening Tool, a column indicating whether these studies were conducted or not, and a column with

motivation for any studies not conducted. Please note that if any of the specialists' studies and requirements/protocols recommended in the Department's Screening Tool are not commissioned, motivation for such must be provided in the report per the requirements of the Protocols.

- f) The screening tool output:
- The screening tool and the gazetted protocols (GN R320 of 20 March 2020 and GN R 1150 of 30 October 2020) require a site sensitivity verification to be completed to either confirm or dispute the findings and sensitivity ratings of the screening tool.
 - Site sensitivity verifications for all the identified specialist studies (according to the screening tool) must be provided.
 - It is the responsibility of the EAP to confirm the list of specialist assessments provided by the screening tool and to motivate in the assessment report, the reason for not including any of the identified specialist study including the provision of photographic evidence of the site situation. The site sensitivity verification for each of the recommended studies, as per the protocols, must be compiled and attached. If the findings of the site verification differed from the screening tool and was found to be of a different sensitivity level, then a compliance statement would be acceptable.
- g) Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and where necessary, include further expertise advice.
- h) Confirm whether the applicant is considering offsets in terms of Riverine Rabbit or any other ecological feature. The Animal Specialist report recommends on page 19 of the report: 'Establishment of stewardship programme to research and conserve Riverine Rabbit, following appropriate Biodiversity Offset Guidelines'. Ensure that the specialist report, adequately addresses the issue of offsets, should they be required. The offset plan produced must take cognisance of the Draft National Biodiversity Offset Guideline (25 March 2022) and must include stakeholder engagement, definitive goals, timeframes, responsibilities and management requirements. It must also include a monitoring and reporting plan to assess the effectiveness of the offset. Note that if offsets are pursued, a finalised offset plan must be presented by the final EIAR.
- i) Please include further assessment or information on the Matroosberg Mountain Catchment Area.

5. **Cumulative Assessment to be conducted in the EIA Phase**

Should there be any other similar projects within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be refined to indicate the following:

- i. 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.
- ii. 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.
- iii. The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.
- iv. A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.

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6. Environmental Management Programme

- a) The EMPr must include the following:
- i. It is drawn to your attention that for substation and overhead electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure, when such facilities trigger activity 11 or 47 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014, as amended, and any other listed and specified activities necessary for the realisation of such facilities, the generic Environmental Management Programme, must be signed and submitted with the final report over and above the EMPr for the facility.
 - ii. Further to the above, you are required to comply with the content of the EMPr in terms of Appendix 4 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended.
 - iii. Should the applicant consider blade painting as a mitigation measure, as mentioned in the Avian Specialist report, this must be assessed in the report and included in the EMPr.
- b) The EMPr must consider the following, and where possible, include:
- i. An alien invasive 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.
 - ii. 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.
 - iii. An avifauna monitoring and management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility. A suitably qualified avifauna specialist must draft this plan.
 - iv. 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.
 - v. An open space management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility.
 - vi. 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.
 - vii. A transportation plan for the transport of components, main assembly cranes and other large pieces of equipment.
 - viii. A storm water 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.
 - ix. A fire management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility.
 - x. 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.
 - xi. 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.

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- xii. 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.
- c) The EAP must provide detailed motivation if any of the above requirements is not required by the proposed development and not included in the EMPr.

General

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.

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 SR 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 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 SRs in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the NEMA 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



Mr Sabelo Malaza
Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment
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Regards,
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Good day,

Please could you provide a kmz file with the development footprint of the project in order to be able to see whether any of our current or future projects will be affected.

Regards,
[REDACTED]

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From: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 17 January 2024 15:01
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Subject: [CAUTION:EXTERNAL EMAIL] Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

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Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have further questions.

Kind regards,



Sadiya Salie
Consultant

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Good Day,

I am on leave for the festive break and will be back at work on the 9th Jan 2024. In case of an emergency, please reach me on my mobile.

For project specific queries, please reach out to the following people.

For urgent matters please contact the following people:

- General Project matters - [REDACTED]
- SSA - [REDACTED]
- Rd5 - [REDACTED]
- RMIPPP - [REDACTED]
- Sukkur - [REDACTED]
- Mendubim - [REDACTED]
- Botswana - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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Good day

Thank you for your email.

Kindly note that I am on leave. For urgent enquiries please contact [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

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Thank you for the email.

Please note that I am currently not available.

Please contact [REDACTED]

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Thank you for your email.

Please note that i will be back in the office on 22 Jan 2024. Please direct all new applications to [REDACTED]. Please contact [REDACTED] for any queries related to any other applications.

kind regards

[REDACTED]

Sadiya Salie

From: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities
Sent: Friday, 9 February 2024 07:34
To: [REDACTED]; ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities
Subject: RE: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

Hi [REDACTED]

Sure this is noted, extension granted.

Thank you,

Kind Regards
Sadiya

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2024 1:40 PM
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Subject: RE: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

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Dear ERM team,

I hope you are well.

I hate to do this, but I am forced to ask for a one-day time extension as I am currently still waiting for 3 sets of comments on the Hugo and Khoe WEF DSR's. I understand that you are under strict timeframes to submit the FSR to the DFFE, but would really appreciate it if you could please allow an extra day for me so that I can collate the comments, which should be received by this afternoon.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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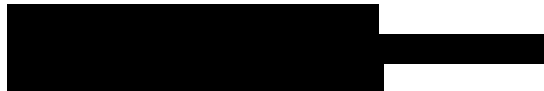
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Thank you [REDACTED]

From: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 8:44 AM
To: [REDACTED] ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Subject: RE: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

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Good day [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. Your details have been added into the stakeholder database for both the Hugo and Khoe projects. I have also attached the kmz file of the proposed layout for Hugo and Khoe as requested.

I trust all is in order.

Kind regards,



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 12:11 PM
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Subject: RE: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear [REDACTED]

Please can you register CapeNature for the EIA processes for both the Khoe and Hugo Wind Energy Facilities. CapeNature is the official commenting authority for biodiversity in the Western Cape. We have downloaded the Draft Scoping Reports and appendices from the website and will provide comment on these documents within the specified commenting timeframes.

Please can we request shapefiles indicating the proposed development layouts? This will allow us to interrogate the development proposal in relation to our GIS data, which we wish to undertake prior to submitting comment on the Draft Scoping Reports.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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To: [REDACTED]; ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities
Subject: RE: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province
Attachments: Hugo + Khoe Prelim layout.kmz

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[Redacted signature]

[Redacted contact information]

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[Redacted contact information]

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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: RE: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Hugo Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province
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Dear [REDACTED]
Thank you for the email below. [REDACTED] has been appointed as the official that will comment on the application. Please include her in all future correspondence.

[REDACTED] – please find attached the 3 emails that was received on this matter this morning.

Best regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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Good day

Thank you for reaching out. I am currently out of the office from December 19th to January 22nd, enjoying some time away. During this period, I will not be checking or responding to emails.

If your matter requires urgent attention, please contact please contact one of the officials:

<https://www.hwc.org.za/node/1873>

Please note that I will not reply to any email sent to me during my leave period. Otherwise, please resent the query to me after January 22nd and I will respond to your email.

Thank you for your understanding. I look forward to connecting with you upon my return.

If you do not get a reply from me within ten working days of my return please resend your query again.

Your email will be responded to in due course.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 25 January 2024 11:47
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities
Subject: FW: COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED KHOE & HUGO WIND ENERGY FACILITIES NEAR DE DOORNS, WESTERN CAPE
Attachments: Hugo Khoe WEF DSR Comments.pdf

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2024 10:30 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED KHOE & HUGO WIND ENERGY FACILITIES NEAR DE DOORNS, WESTERN CAPE

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Good morning [REDACTED]

Kindly find the attached comments for the aforementioned project.



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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Please contact the Agri SA office on [REDACTED]

Sadiya Salie

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 18 January 2024 15:50
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities
Subject: RE: Release of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Hugo Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

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Dear Stakeholder,

This is a kindly reminder that the 30-day comment period for the Hugo Draft Scoping Report is underway. Please submit your comments by the 8 February 2024.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have further questions.

Kind regards,



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Good day,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above application.

The proposed Hugo WEF is located on the following properties: Ou de Kraal 145/R, Stinkfonteins Berg 147/R, Stinkfontein 172/R, Driehoek 173, Presentskraal 174/R, Helpmekaar 148/9. These properties are located within the Breede Valley Municipality, and comments should be obtained from BVM.

Please note that comment has already been provided on the nearby proposed Khoe WEF which is located within the Langeberg municipal area.

The following is noted for record purposes:

The proposed Hugo and Khoe Wind Energy Facilities are located some 10km apart from one another between the Koo and de Doorns.

There will be a separate scoping and EIA processes for each of these projects, but they will run in parallel.

The grid connection will form part of a separate scoping and EIA process.

The Hugo WEF proposes 48 turbines with a maximum output capacity of up to 360 MW (The Khoe WEF proposes 38 turbines with a maximum output capacity up to 290 MW). Each turbine 7.5 MW.

Each WEF will comprise various building, access roads, a battery energy storage system (BESS), and a substation hub with associated electrical grid infrastructure such as a 33 kV overhead/underground transmission powerline connecting the WEF to the national electrical grid network.

Approximate areas for Hugo WEF - development footprint: 100ha.; laydown area during construction: 9ha.; and substn: 2,5ha.; temporary camp and concrete batching plant: 1ha.

Kind regards,

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Attachments: Hugo + Khoe Prelim layout.kmz

Good day [REDACTED]

Kindly find the attached kmz file for the Hugo and Khoe sites as requested.

I trust all is in order.

Kind regards,



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Please note that I am on leave 08 -21 January 2024. Kindly direct all correspondence and enquiries to Acting Director [REDACTED] during 08 -14 January 2024 and to Acting Director [REDACTED] during 15 - 21 January 2024.

Kind Regards
[REDACTED]

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- 16/3/3/6/4/1/2/B2/3/1012/24 (Development Management)
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19/3/2/4/B2/3/DDF087/23 (Pollution and Chemicals Management)
19/2/5/3/B2/3/WL0015/24 (Waste Management)
19/4/4/1/BB3 – Hugo Wind Energy Facility, De Doorns (Air Quality Management)

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Dear Madam

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT AND PLAN OF STUDY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED 360MW HUGO WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM OU DE KRAAL NO. 145, REMAINDER OF FARM STINKFONTEINS BERG NO. 147, REMAINDER OF FARM STINKFONTEIN NO. 172, FARM DRIEHOEK NO. 173, REMAINDER OF FARM PRESENTS KRAAL NO. 174 AND PORTION 9 OF FARM HELPMEKAAR NO. 148, DE DOORNS, BREEDE VALLEY MUNICIPALITY

1. The email notification of 08 January 2024 informing interested and affected parties ("I&APs") of the availability of the Draft Scoping Report ("DSR"), the follow-up email of 17 January 2024 reminding I&APs of the deadline for comments on the DSR, the Department's email to the environmental assessment practitioner ("EAP") on 18 January 2024 requesting proof of notification, and the email response received from the EAP on the same day, refer.
2. The Department apologises for submitting its comments one day after the commenting period and expresses its appreciation to the EAP for allowing the time extension. Please find consolidated comment from various directorates within the Department on the DSR and Plan of Study for

Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") dated December 2023 that was available for download from the website of the EAP.

Directorate: Development Management (Region 1) – Ms Samornay Smidt (Email: Samornay.Smidt@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 5828):

3. The site is mapped to contain Matjiesfontein Shale Renosterveld, Matjiesfontein Quartzite Fynbos and North & South Langeberg Sandstone Fynbos. These vegetation types are classified as having an ecosystem status of least concern. Please be advised that if no endangered or critically endangered vegetation will be cleared, Activity 12 of Listing Notice 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) will not be triggered by the proposed development. (Note that no bioregional plan has been adopted for the Western Cape).
4. Please further be advised that Activity 14 of Listing Notice 3 will not be triggered by the proposed development since no systematic biodiversity plans or bioregional plans have been adopted by the competent authority.
5. It is noted that Activity 14 of Listing Notice 1 is being applied for; however, the total storage capacity of the dangerous goods to be stored in containers has not been provided. This must be indicated in the Draft EIA Report.
6. Note that the onus is on the EAP to provide a clear motivation how the listed activities identified are applicable to the proposed development.
7. The proposed development will include the storage of dangerous goods in containers; however, the impacts associated with the storage of dangerous goods have not been identified to be assessed as part of the environmental impact reporting ("EIR") phase. This must be addressed in the Final Scoping Report ("FSR") and where applicable, the Plan of Study for EIA.
8. It is noted that the preliminary specialist findings identified the potential impacts associated with the proposed development and concluded that the application process can proceed to the EIR phase for further assessment, which in turn will further inform the preferred layout.
9. A site development plan/ layout that reflects all the components of the proposed development, including buffer and no-go areas, as required in terms of Appendix 3(1)(i)(ii) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) must be included in the Draft EIA Report. Further note that the co-ordinates of the wind turbines and the start, middle, and end co-ordinates of the roads must be included in the Draft EIA Report.
10. It is recommended that the need for additional licences and permits be confirmed during this application process and not once it is concluded, as this could have a direct impact on the preferred alternative, if authorised.
11. It is noted that the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) is applicable to the proposed development. It is further noted that an application for either a water use licence ("WUL") or a general

authorisation ("GA") will be submitted once a decision has been taken on the application for environmental authorisation. Please be advised that confirmation of the process to be followed must be obtained and be included in the FSR or Draft EIA Report. Further note that comment from the relevant water use authority must be included in the Draft EIA Report.

12. Comments must be obtained from all the relevant state departments and organs of state during the application process, to ensure that any potential concerns are timeously highlighted, and adequately assessed and addressed before the application is finalised.

Directorate: Development Facilitation – Ms Adri La Meyer (Email: Adri.LaMeyer@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 2887);

13. The proposed wind turbines and associated infrastructure/structures must be micro-sited during the EIR phase to avoid any no-go, very high and high sensitivity areas, and to address constraints identified by the various specialists. This includes, *inter alia*, wind turbines 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 12 that fall within the Matroosberg Mountain Catchment Area; turbines predominately in the south located on steep slopes, mountains tops and tall hills which are marked as having a very high and high sensitivity, respectively; turbines located within the 3km buffer of the Drie Kuilen Private Nature Reserve; 1km buffer of scenic roads and 500m of homesteads.
14. It is not clear why the applicant has not refined the preliminary layout map earlier when the results of the scoping specialist studies were received, instead of refining it at the EIR phase, which may result in a reduced number of turbines or contracted capacity. The mitigation hierarchy must be followed, with avoidance of impacts being the primary goal.
15. Section 5.6, page 50 of the DSR states that there are 3 protected areas within the study area, namely the Cape Floral Region Protected Area, Touw Local Nature Reserve and Drie Kuilen Private Nature Reserve. Note that the Cape Floral Region is also a World Heritage Site. The Matroosberg Mountain Catchment Area is also a Protected Area and must be included in section 5.6.
16. Please provide a site layout map indicating the location of the proposed wind turbines and associated infrastructure/structures overlaid on the protected areas in the study area.
17. According to the Animal Species Specialist Scoping Report compiled by ERM dated 29 November 2023, camera traps detected and recorded the endangered Riverine Rabbit within the proposed development area. The position of the camera trap locations (Figure 3) should be superimposed on the proposed layout plan to indicate whether any of the proposed wind turbines or associated infrastructure are located near or within Riverine Rabbit habitat. No wind turbines, associated infrastructure or structures should be allowed near or within this species' habitat.
18. The specialist assessments and the Draft EIA Report must provide a map and an assessment of cumulative impacts for all renewable energy projects within at least a 30km radius of the proposed site. The cumulative assessment must also assess both the impacts of the proposed Khoe and Hugo wind energy facilities ("WEFs").

19. Please further ensure that the specialist assessments include a cumulative assessment of the same renewable energy projects. For example, the Animal Species Specialist Scoping Report refers to 4 solar photovoltaic ("PV") developments within 30km of the proposed development area, whereas the Heritage Scoping Report compiled by The Energy Team (Pty) Ltd dated 23 November 2023 refers to two approved solar PV developments and 1 WEF within 30km of the proposed site. It is recommended that the EAP provide all the specialists with the latest information on the approved and proposed renewable energy facilities to ensure consistency. Kindly also be informed of the proposed 110MW Ezelsjacht solar PV facility proposed on Portion 6 of the Farm Ratelbosch No. 149, De Doorns. This application is at the FSR stage.
20. It is noted that several solar (concentrating and PV) facilities are approved and proposed within 30km radius of the proposed site. The section on alternatives (section 6) does not indicate why the applicant has opted for wind energy as opposed to solar energy. It is recommended that the forthcoming Draft EIA Report provide a description why the WEF is the preferred renewable energy technology alternative.
21. In terms of the environmental legal framework (section 3) and policies in support of renewable energy (section 8.2), please add the the National Climate Change Response White Paper (2011) as well the Western Cape Climate Change Response Strategy: Vision 2050 (2022). This Strategy can be downloaded from https://www.westerncape.gov.za/assets/departments/environmental-affairs-development-planning/wcccrs_vision_2050_march_2022.pdf.
22. It is further recommended that the FSR and/or Draft EIA Report indicate how the proposed development aligns with the emerging long-term plan of the Integrated Resource Plan (2019).
23. It is noted that the proposal triggers section 38(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999) and that a Notification of Intent to develop ("NID") has been submitted to Heritage Western Cape ("HWC") on 24 November 2023. Ideally, comment from HWC on the NID should have been obtained prior to release of the DSR as their comments would inform the relevant heritage-related specialist studies to be undertaken during the EIR phase. It is however recognised that all the relevant heritage (including visual) related aspects have been considered for further impact assessment.
24. It is not clear from the terms of reference ("ToR") for the EIR phase Aquatic Impact Assessment that a Risk Assessment Matrix will be undertaken to determine whether the proposed water uses can be authorized via a WUL or GA. This should ideally be included in the ToR for the specialist appointment.
25. General comments:
 - 25.1. Cross referencing "*Error! Reference source not found*" throughout the DSR must be corrected.
 - 25.2. The Executive Summary indicates that a waste management licence ("WML") may be required; however, the DSR does not allude to this. It is assumed that no WML is required.
 - 25.3. Reference to the Department of Human Settlement, Water and Sanitation must be replaced with the Department of Water and Sanitation.
 - 25.4. The Northern Cape Nature Conservation Act, 2009 (Act No. 9 of 2009) (section 3.12) is not applicable to the project.

- 25.5. Figure 5-11 is incorrectly labelled as the Critical Biodiversity Area of the North West Biodiversity Spatial Plan (2015).
- 25.6. The DSR indicates that portable sanitation facilities will be used during the construction phase, but it is unclear what ablution facilities will be used during the operational phase.

Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management – Mr Gunther Frantz (Email: Gunther.Frantz@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 2975):

26. It is mentioned on page 63 of the DSR that water requirements for the proposed development may be sourced from the landowner's existing boreholes on the site or from new boreholes that will be drilled. Details such as depth to groundwater, location of the borehole and water right allocation should be furnished in the Draft EIA Report for these existing borehole/s.
27. This Directorate supports the Plan of study for EIA and the proposed specialist studies, particularly the Freshwater Impact Assessment to be undertaken, for the identification of sensitive areas to be avoided and the determination of the respective buffers for each identified aspect. This Directorate will provide further comment on the Draft EIA Report and EMPr.

Directorate: Waste Management – Mr Muneeb Baderoon (Email: Muneeb.Baderoon@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 2965):

28. The Screening Tool Report indicated very high sensitivities for, *inter alia*, the aquatic biodiversity, flicker, landscape, and terrestrial biodiversity themes. Management and mitigation of environmental impacts must be suitably addressed in the respective specialist assessments, Draft EIA Report and the Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr").
29. Acceptable dust rates in terms of the National Dust Control Regulations (Government Notice No. R. 827 of 1 November 2013) promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act No. 39 of 2004) are described in the DSR. It is stated that the Keerom Minor Road suffers from erosion, potholes and dust. Dust suppression is indicated as one of the uses of water at the proposed WEF. Note that non-potable water should be used for this purpose. Dust impacts are also included amongst nuisance impacts associated with construction-related activities. Further, heavy vehicles are expected to cause dust along unpaved access roads during the transportation of various components to the site. Dust mitigation measures or a fugitive dust control plan should be included in the EMPr.
30. This Directorate awaits the EMPr for comment, which must include the prevention and mitigation of all risks and impacts posed by industrial effluents and fuels. A detailed waste management plan must be included in the EMPr.
31. The construction of roads, turbine hard-stands, roads, laydown areas and site offices will require the removal of currently intact vegetation. Alien invasive vegetation must be removed according to relevant municipal and provincial procedures, guidelines and recommendations, and disposed of at a recognised waste disposal facility. Removed vegetation may not be burned without prior

authorisation and the Municipality must be consulted about dealing with such vegetation according to its organic waste diversion plan. This must be addressed in the EMPr.

Directorate: Air Quality Management – Mr Mzolisi Benxa (E-mail: Mzolisi.Benxa@westerncape.gov.za; Tel: (021) 483 2388);

32. The Noise Report for Site Sensitivity Verification and Scoping Purposes compiled by Enviro-Acoustic Research cc dated November 2023 lists the applicable legislation pertaining to noise, including the Western Cape Noise Control Regulations ("WCNCR") promulgated in Provincial Notice 200/2013. Please be advised that in terms of assessing possible impacts from new developments, EIAs, and related applications in the Western Cape Province, the WCNCR (2013) should be used as the benchmark for noise assessments.
33. This Directorate has no further comments on the DSR and awaits the Draft EIA Report for further comments.
34. Please note that this Directorate has a dedicated email address reserved for all EIA related correspondences (DEADP.AQM@westerncape.gov.za). Kindly use this email address for any future correspondence.
35. Please note that the abovementioned recommendations do not pre-empt the outcome of the application. No information provided, views expressed and/or comments made by this Directorate should in no way be regarded as an indication or confirmation that additional information or documents will not be requested.

The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any or new information received.

Yours sincerely

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COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED UP TO 360MW HUGO WIND ENERGY FACILITY (WEF) AND ANCILLARY INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR DE DOORNS, IN BREEDE VALLEY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY AND CAPE WINELANDS DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY WITHIN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE.

The Application for Environmental Authorisation and draft Scoping Report (SR) dated February 2024 and received by the Department on 01 March 2024, refer.

This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included to the final SR:

1. Listed Activities

- a) Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure (including thresholds) as described in the project description. Only activities (and sub-activities) applicable to the development must be applied for and assessed. The physical footprint of the infrastructure in square metres must be provided in support of the applicability of this listed activity/ies.
- b) Ensure to include thresholds for each activity applied for in the application form. The physical footprint of the infrastructure in square metres/hectares/cubic metres is not mentioned in the application form. As such, you are requested to provide the physical footprint of the infrastructure to motivate the applicability of this listed activity/ies.
- c) You are required to confirm whether systematic biodiversity plans or bioregional plans are adopted by the competent authority. There are certain activities in Listing Notice 3 that requires that *systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans*.
- d) It is imperative that the relevant authorities are continuously involved throughout the environmental impact assessment process, as the development property possibly falls within geographically designated areas in terms of Listing Notice 3 Activities i.e. Critical Biodiversity Areas. Written comments must be obtained from the relevant provincial authority (or proof of consultation if no comments were received) and submitted to this Department.

- e) Only applicable listed activities must be applied for, and the project description must be specific on what is being proposed in the final EIAR.
- f) Ensure that the SG codes, farm names and numbers are correct and consistent throughout the reports. Provide this information as well as the coordinates of the proposed WEF development and its ancillary infrastructure i.e., onsite substation, BESS, etc, in a separate appendix.
- g) If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final SR, an amended application form must be submitted. Please note that the Department's application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link <https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms> .

2. **Layout & Sensitivity Maps**

- a) All available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the **final** layout map. Existing infrastructure must be used as far as possible, e.g. roads. The final layout map must indicate the following:
 - i. Ensure that the titles of the maps are consistent.
 - ii. The envisioned area for the wind facility, i.e. final location of turbines and its numbers as well as all associated infrastructure including BESS, should be mapped at an appropriate scale.
 - iii. All supporting onsite infrastructure such as laydown areas, guard house, BESS, control room, and buildings, including accommodation etc.
 - iv. All necessary details regarding all locations and sizes of the substations and internal power lines.
 - v. All existing infrastructure on the site, especially internal road infrastructure.
 - vi. Please provide an environmental sensitivity map, if possible, which indicates the following:
 - The location of sensitive environmental features on site, e.g., CBAs, protected areas, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure.
 - Sensitivity Buffer areas; and All "no-go" areas.
- b) It must be emphasised that the final EIAR **must include a final layout map** which adheres to specialist recommendations as well as the identified no-go areas. All turbines must be numbered on all submitted maps. Please include a separate appendix which contains all relevant mapping information.
- c) The above site-specific map must be overlain with a sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring renewable energy developments and existing grid infrastructure. All available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the map and infrastructure must not encroach on highly sensitive areas as far as possible.
- d) Google maps will not be accepted for decision-making purposes. Ensure that distinct colours are used on the maps to differentiate features, especially on the sensitivity map. In addition, turbines must be numbered for ease of reference.
- e) Include a description of the process to determine the finalised layout i.e. specialist considerations, site sensitivities etc.
- f) It is noted that Wind Turbine Generators (WTG) 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 12 are located within the Matroosberg Mountain Catchment Area and the placement of these turbines must be reconsidered. Furthermore, turbines should not be located in CBA's.
- g) It is noted that, according to the Flora Specialist report, turbines 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12 are located within a 'No-Go' area and turbine 41 seems to be within a High Sensitivity Area. The position of these turbines must be reconsidered (Figure 11.6).
- h) Section 11.9.2 Visual Sensitivities in the draft Scoping report highlights numerous visual sensitivities and their recommended buffers. The turbines occurring within these buffers must be either micro-sited as far as possible or motivated for.

3. **Public Participation Process**

- a) Please ensure that all issues raised, and comments received on the draft SR from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction. This includes but is not limited to the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE: Directorate Biodiversity and Conservation and Protected Areas, the provincial Department of Agriculture, the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA), the Department of Transport, the Local Municipality, the District Municipality, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), the South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL), the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), Dr Samantha Mynhardt and Esther Matthew of the EWT's Drylands Conservation Programme of the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT), BirdLife SA, CapeNature, the Cape Leopard Trust, the Department of Mineral Resources, the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform and the Square Kilometre Array (SKA). Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final SR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof must be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.
- b) The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.
- c) A comments and response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final SR. The C&R report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format which reflects the details of the I&APs and date of comments received, actual comments received, and response provided. Please ensure that comments made by I&APs are comprehensively captured (copy verbatim if required) and responded to clearly and fully and in chronological order. Please note that a response such as "Noted" is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP's comments.

4. **Specialist Assessments to be conducted in the EIA Phase**

- a) Specialist studies to be conducted must provide a detailed description of their methodology, as well as indicate the locations and descriptions of turbines, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisations.
- b) The specialist studies must also provide a detailed description of all limitations to their studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation, will not be accepted.
- c) It is further brought to your attention that 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, when applying for Environmental Authorisation, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. "the Protocols"), and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species), have come into effect. **Please note that specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with these protocols. In addition, note that the protocols require the specialists' to be registered with SACNASP in their respective field.**
- d) Please include a table in the report, summarising the specialist studies required by the Department's Screening Tool, a column indicating whether these studies were conducted or not, and a column with motivation for any studies not conducted. Please note that if any of the specialists' studies and requirements/protocols recommended in the Department's Screening Tool are not commissioned, motivation for such must be provided in the report per the requirements of the Protocols.
- e) The screening tool output:
 - The screening tool and the gazetted protocols (GN R320 of 20 March 2020 and GN R 1150 of 30 October 2020) require a site sensitivity verification to be completed to either confirm or dispute the findings and sensitivity ratings of the screening tool.
 - Site sensitivity verifications for all the identified specialist studies (according to the screening tool) must be provided.

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- It is the responsibility of the EAP to confirm the list of specialist assessments provided by the screening tool and to motivate in the assessment report, the reason for not including any of the identified specialist study including the provision of photographic evidence of the site situation. The site sensitivity verification for each of the recommended studies, as per the protocols, must be compiled and attached. If the findings of the site verification differed from the screening tool and was found to be of a different sensitivity level, then a compliance statement would be acceptable.
 - f) Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and where necessary, include further expert advice.
 - g) Confirm whether the applicant is considering offsets in terms of Riverine Rabbit or any other ecological feature. The Animal Specialist report recommends on page 20 of the report: 'Establishment of stewardship programme to research and conserve Riverine Rabbit, following appropriate Biodiversity Offset Guidelines'. Ensure that the specialist report, adequately addresses the issue of offsets, should they be required. The offset plan produced must take cognisance of the National Biodiversity Offset Guideline (23 June 2023) and must include stakeholder engagement, definitive goals, timeframes, responsibilities and management requirements. It must also include a monitoring and reporting plan to assess the effectiveness of the offset. Note that if offsets are pursued, a finalized offset plan must be presented by the final EIAr.
 - h) Please include further assessment or information on the Matroosberg Mountain Catchment Area.
- 5. Cumulative Assessment to be conducted in the EIA Phase**
- Should there be any other similar projects within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be refined to indicate the following:
- i. Assess the cumulative impacts of the proposed (not yet authorised), authorised (not yet constructed) and existing solar energy facilities.
 - ii. 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.
 - iii. The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.
 - iv. A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.
- 6. Environmental Management Programme**
- a) The EMPr must include the following:
 - i. It is drawn to your attention that for substation and overhead electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure, when such facilities trigger activity 11 or 47 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014, as amended, and any other listed and specified activities necessary for the realisation of such facilities, the generic Environmental Management Programme, must be signed and submitted with the final report over and above the EMPr for the facility.
 - ii. Further to the above, you are required to comply with the content of the EMPr for the facility in terms of Appendix 4 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended.
 - iii. Should the applicant consider blade painting as a mitigation measure, as mentioned in the Avian Specialist report, this must be assessed in the report and included in the EMPr.

- b) The EMPr must consider the following, and where possible, include:
- i. An alien invasive 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.
 - ii. 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.
 - iii. An avifauna monitoring and management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility. This plan must be drafted by a suitably qualified avifauna specialist.
 - iv. 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.
 - v. An open space management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility.
 - vi. 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.
 - vii. A transportation plan for the transport of components, main assembly cranes and other large pieces of equipment.
 - viii. A storm water 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.
 - ix. A fire management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility.
 - x. 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.
 - xi. 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.
 - xii. 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.
- c) The EAP must provide detailed motivation if any of the above requirements is not required by the proposed development and not included in the EMPr.

General

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.

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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 SR 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 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 SRs in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the NEMA 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



Mr Sabelo Malaza

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Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment

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References:

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19/3/2/4/B1/4/DDF090/23 (Pollution and Chemicals Management)
19/2/5/3/B1/11/WL0014/24 (Waste Management)
19/4/4/1/BC2 – Khoe WEF (Air Quality Management)

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Dear Madam

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT AND PLAN OF STUDY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED 290MW KHOE WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON PORTIONS 2, 11 AND THE REMAINING EXTENT OF PORTION 1 OF FARM EENDRAGT NO. 38, REMAINDER OF FARM EENDRAGT NO. 37 AND FARM NO. 193, NEAR MONTAGU, LANGE BERG MUNICIPALITY

1. The email notification of 08 January 2024 informing interested and affected parties ("I&APs") of the availability of the Draft Scoping Report ("DSR"), the follow-up email of 17 January 2024 reminding I&APs of the deadline for comments on the DSR, the Department's email to the environmental assessment practitioner ("EAP") on 18 January 2024 requesting proof of notification, and the email response received from the EAP on the same day, refer.
2. The Department apologises for submitting its comments one day after the commenting period and expresses its appreciation to the EAP for allowing the time extension. Please find consolidated comment from various directorates within the Department on the DSR and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") dated December 2023 that was available for download from the website of the EAP.

Directorate: Development Management (Region 1) – Ms Bernadette Osborne (Email: Bernadette.Osborne@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 3679):

3. The site is mapped to contain indigenous vegetation, namely Matjiesfontein Shale Renosterveld, North Langeberg Sandstone Fynbos and South Langeberg Sandstone Fynbos. These vegetation types are classified as having an ecosystem status of least concern. Please be advised that if no endangered or critically endangered vegetation will be cleared, Activity 12 of Listing Notice 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) will not be triggered by the proposed development. (Note that no bioregional plan has been adopted for the Western Cape).
4. Please further be advised that Activity 14 of Listing Notice 3 will not be triggered by the proposed development since no systematic biodiversity plans or bioregional plans have been adopted by the competent authority.
5. It is noted that Activity 14 of Listing Notice 1 is being applied for; however, the total storage capacity of the dangerous goods to be stored in containers has not been provided. This must be indicated in the Draft EIA Report.
6. Note that the onus is on the EAP to provide a clear motivation how the listed activities identified are applicable to the proposed development.
7. The proposed development will include the storage of dangerous goods in containers; however, the impacts associated with the storage of dangerous goods have not been identified to be assessed as part of the environmental impact reporting ("EIR") phase. This must be addressed in the Final Scoping Report ("FSR") and where applicable, the Plan of Study for EIA.
8. Furthermore, the flicker theme has been rated as being of very high significance by the Screening Tool. However, the impacts of flicker effects have not been identified to be assessed as part of the EIR phase. It is however acknowledged that the Scoping Visual Impact Assessment ("VIA") compiled by LOGIS dated November 2023 has indicated that the terms of reference ("ToR") for the VIA in the EIR phase include a shadow flicker assessment. Please update the Plan of Study for EIA accordingly.
9. The DSR indicates that the proposed development will include stormwater infrastructure; however, it is unclear what this will entail. The activity description must be updated to include a description of all the components associated with the proposed development.
10. A detailed stormwater management plan must be included in the forthcoming Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr").
11. A site development plan/ layout that reflects all the components of the proposed development, including buffer and no-go areas, as required in terms of Appendix 3(1)(l)(ii) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) must be included in the Draft EIA Report. Further note that the co-ordinates of the wind turbines and the start, middle, and end co-ordinates of the roads must be included in the Draft EIA Report.

12. It is noted that water will be sourced either from Langeberg Municipality, existing boreholes in the area, or new boreholes. Please be advised that if water will be sourced from boreholes, proof of the lawful water use, or the water use licence must be included in the EIA Report.
13. If water will be sourced from the municipality, written confirmation must be provided in the EIA Report that they have sufficient spare, unallocated capacity to supply the proposed development with water.
14. It is noted that the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) is applicable to the proposed development. It is further noted that an application for either a water use licence ("WUL") or a general authorisation ("GA") will be submitted once a decision has been taken on the application for environmental authorisation. Please be advised that confirmation of the process to be followed must be obtained and be included in the FSR or Draft EIA Report. Further note that comment from the relevant water use authority must be included in the Draft EIA Report.
15. It is recommended that a Maintenance Management Plan be prepared for potential maintenance activities that may be required in future for the affected watercourses and encroaching structures and/or infrastructure.
16. It is unclear whether the *Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes in terms of Section 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, when applying for Environmental Authorisation* ("the Protocols") published in Government Gazette¹ have been complied with as no information was included in the DSR (although indicated in the relevant scoping specialist studies). If this requirement has been met, this must be indicated, and clarity must be provided whether the competent authority agreed with the findings of the Site Sensitivity Verification Report.
17. Comment from, but not limited to, the following authorities must be obtained and included in the FSR:
 - 17.1. Department of Agriculture,
 - 17.2. Department of Water and Sanitation ("DWS") / Breede-Olifants Catchment Management Agency.
 - 17.3. Heritage Western Cape.
 - 17.4. Department of Infrastructure (Roads Branch).
 - 17.5. CapeNature.
 - 17.6. Civil Aviation Authority.
 - 17.7. Langeberg Municipality.

Directorate: Development Facilitation – Ms Adri La Meyer (Email: Adri.LaMeyer@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 2887):

18. It is expected that the proposed wind turbines will be micro-sited during the EIR phase to avoid any no-go, very high and high sensitivity areas, and to address constraints identified by the various specialists.

¹ Government Notice ("GN") No. 320 of 20 March 2020 in Government Gazette No. 43110, which came into effect on 09 May 2020, and GN No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 in Government Gazette No. 43855, which came into effect on 30 October 2020.

19. According to the Animal Species Specialist Scoping Report compiled by ERM dated 29 November 2023, camera traps detected and recorded the endangered Riverine Rabbit within the proposed development area. The position of the camera trap locations (Figure 3) should be superimposed on the proposed layout plan to indicate whether any of the proposed wind turbines or associated infrastructure/structures are located near or within Riverine Rabbit habitat. No wind turbines, associated infrastructure or structures should be allowed near or within this species' habitat.
20. The specialist assessments and the Draft EIA Report must provide a map and an assessment of cumulative impacts for all renewable energy projects within at least a 30km radius of the proposed site. The cumulative assessment must also assess both the impacts of the proposed Khoe and Hugo wind energy facilities ("WEFs").
21. Please further ensure that the specialist assessments include a cumulative assessment of the same renewable energy projects. For example, the Animal Species Specialist Scoping Report refers to 4 solar photovoltaic ("PV") developments within 30km of the proposed development area, whereas the Heritage Scoping Report compiled by The Energy Team (Pty) Ltd dated 23 November 2023 refers to two approved solar PV developments and 1 WEF within 30km of the proposed site. It is recommended that the EAP provide all the specialists with the latest information on the approved and proposed renewable energy facilities to ensure consistency. Kindly also be informed of the proposed 110MW Ezelsjacht solar PV facility proposed on Portion 6 of the Farm Ratelbosch No. 149, De Doorns. This application is at the FSR stage.
22. It is noted that several solar (concentrating and PV) facilities are approved and proposed within 30km radius of the proposed site. The section on alternatives (section 6) does not indicate why the applicant has opted for wind energy as opposed to solar energy. It is recommended that the forthcoming Draft EIA Report provide a description why the WEF is the preferred renewable energy technology alternative.
23. In terms of the environmental legal framework (section 3) and policies in support of renewable energy (section 8.2), please add the the National Climate Change Response White Paper (2011) as well the Western Cape Climate Change Response Strategy: Vision 2050 (2022). This Strategy can be downloaded from https://www.westerncape.gov.za/assets/departments/environmental-affairs-development-planning/wcccrs_vision_2050_march_2022.pdf.
24. It is further recommended that the FSR and/or Draft EIA Report indicate how the proposed development aligns with the emerging long-term plan of the Integrated Resource Plan (2019).
25. It is noted that the proposal triggers section 38(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999) and that a Notification of Intent to develop ("NID") has been submitted to Heritage Western Cape ("HWC") on 24 November 2023. Ideally, comment from HWC on the NID should have been obtained prior to release of the DSR as their comments would inform the relevant heritage-related specialist studies to be undertaken during the EIR phase. It is however recognised that all the relevant heritage (including visual) related aspects have been considered for further impact assessment.

26. It is not clear from the ToR for the EIR phase Aquatic Impact Assessment that a Risk Assessment Matrix will be undertaken to determine whether the proposed water uses can be authorised via a WUL or GA. This should ideally be included in the ToR for the specialist appointment.
27. General comments:
- 27.1. Cross referencing "*Error! Reference source not found*" throughout the DSR must be corrected.
 - 27.2. The Executive Summary indicates that a waste management licence ("WML") may be required; however, the DSR does not allude to this. It is assumed that no WML is required.
 - 27.3. The Executive Summary states that the proposed site is located approximately 48.9km southeast of De Doorns. This is contradictory to the DSR which refers to 20km.
 - 27.4. Reference to the Department of Human Settlement, Water and Sanitation must be replaced with the Department of Water and Sanitation.
 - 27.5. The Northern Cape Nature Conservation Act, 2009 (Act No. 9 of 2009) (section 3.12) is not applicable to the project.
 - 27.6. The DSR indicates that portable sanitation facilities will be used during the construction phase, but it is unclear what ablution facilities will be used during the operational phase.
 - 27.7. Page 48 of the DSR refers to a Table 5, but said table was not included in the DSR.

Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management – Mr Gunther Frantz (Email: Gunther.Frantz@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 2975):

28. It is mentioned on page 81 of the DSR that water requirements for the proposed development may be sourced from the landowner's existing boreholes on the site or from new boreholes that will be drilled. Details such as depth to groundwater, location of the borehole and water right allocation should be furnished in the Draft EIA Report for these existing borehole/s.
29. This Directorate supports the Plan of study for EIA and the proposed specialist studies, particularly the Freshwater Impact Assessment to be undertaken, for the identification of sensitive areas to be avoided and the determination of the respective buffers for each identified aspect. This Directorate will provide further comment on the Draft EIA Report and EMPr.

Directorate: Waste Management – Mr Gary Arendse (Email: Gary.Arendse@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 6307):

30. This Directorate is satisfied with the specialist studies proposed in the Plan of Study for EIA. Detailed comments will be provided when the Draft EIA Report is released for comments.

Directorate: Air Quality Management – Ms Palesa Mothiba (E-mail: Palesa.Mothiba@westerncape.gov.za; Tel: (021) 483 2880):

31. The Noise Report for Site Sensitivity Verification and Scoping Purposes compiled by Enviro-Acoustic Research cc dated November 2023 lists the applicable legislation pertaining to noise, including the Western Cape Noise Control Regulations ("WCNCR") promulgated in Provincial Notice 200/2013. Please be advised that in terms of assessing possible impacts from new developments, EIAs, and

related applications in the Western Cape Province, the WCNCR (2013) should be used as the benchmark for noise assessments.

32. This Directorate has no further comments on the DSR and awaits the Draft EIA Report for further comments.
33. Please note that this Directorate has a dedicated email address reserved for all EIA related correspondences (DEADP.AQM@westerncape.gov.za). Kindly use this email address for any future correspondence.
34. Please note that the abovementioned recommendations do not pre-empt the outcome of the application. No information provided, views expressed and/or comments made by this Directorate should in no way be regarded as an indication or confirmation that additional information or documents will not be requested.

The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any or new information received.

Yours sincerely

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Date: 9 February 2024



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- 19/2/5/3/B2/3/WL0015/24 (Waste Management)
- 19/4/4/1/BB3 – Hugo Wind Energy Facility, De Doorns (Air Quality Management)

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Dear Madam

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT AND PLAN OF STUDY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED 360MW HUGO WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM OU DE KRAAL NO. 145, REMAINDER OF FARM STINKFONTEINS BERG NO. 147, REMAINDER OF FARM STINKFONTEIN NO. 172, FARM DRIEHOEK NO. 173, REMAINDER OF FARM PRESENTS KRAAL NO. 174 AND PORTION 9 OF FARM HELPMEKAAR NO. 148, DE DOORNS, BREEDE VALLEY MUNICIPALITY

1. The email notification of 08 January 2024 informing interested and affected parties ("I&APs") of the availability of the Draft Scoping Report ("DSR"), the follow-up email of 17 January 2024 reminding I&APs of the deadline for comments on the DSR, the Department's email to the environmental assessment practitioner ("EAP") on 18 January 2024 requesting proof of notification, and the email response received from the EAP on the same day, refer.
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Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") dated December 2023 that was available for download from the website of the EAP.

Directorate: Development Management (Region 1) – Ms Samornay Smidt (Email: Samornay.Smidt@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 5828):

3. The site is mapped to contain Matjiesfontein Shale Renosterveld, Matjiesfontein Quartzite Fynbos and North & South Langeberg Sandstone Fynbos. These vegetation types are classified as having an ecosystem status of least concern. Please be advised that if no endangered or critically endangered vegetation will be cleared, Activity 12 of Listing Notice 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) will not be triggered by the proposed development. (Note that no bioregional plan has been adopted for the Western Cape).
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8. It is noted that the preliminary specialist findings identified the potential impacts associated with the proposed development and concluded that the application process can proceed to the EIR phase for further assessment, which in turn will further inform the preferred layout.
9. A site development plan/ layout that reflects all the components of the proposed development, including buffer and no-go areas, as required in terms of Appendix 3(1)(l)(ii) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) must be included in the Draft EIA Report. Further note that the co-ordinates of the wind turbines and the start, middle, and end co-ordinates of the roads must be included in the Draft EIA Report.
10. It is recommended that the need for additional licences and permits be confirmed during this application process and not once it is concluded, as this could have a direct impact on the preferred alternative, if authorised.
11. It is noted that the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) is applicable to the proposed development. It is further noted that an application for either a water use licence ("WUL") or a general

authorisation ("GA") will be submitted once a decision has been taken on the application for environmental authorisation. Please be advised that confirmation of the process to be followed must be obtained and be included in the FSR or Draft EIA Report. Further note that comment from the relevant water use authority must be included in the Draft EIA Report.

12. Comments must be obtained from all the relevant state departments and organs of state during the application process, to ensure that any potential concerns are timeously highlighted, and adequately assessed and addressed before the application is finalised.

Directorate: Development Facilitation – Ms Adri La Meyer (Email: Adri.LaMeyer@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 2887):

13. The proposed wind turbines and associated infrastructure/structures must be micro-sited during the EIR phase to avoid any no-go, very high and high sensitivity areas, and to address constraints identified by the various specialists. This includes, *inter alia*, wind turbines 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 12 that fall within the Matroosberg Mountain Catchment Area; turbines predominately in the south located on steep slopes, mountains tops and tall hills which are marked as having a very high and high sensitivity, respectively; turbines located within the 3km buffer of the Drie Kuilen Private Nature Reserve; 1km buffer of scenic roads and 500m of homesteads.
14. It is not clear why the applicant has not refined the preliminary layout map earlier when the results of the scoping specialist studies were received, instead of refining it at the EIR phase, which may result in a reduced number of turbines or contracted capacity. The mitigation hierarchy must be followed, with avoidance of impacts being the primary goal.
15. Section 5.6, page 50 of the DSR states that there are 3 protected areas within the study area, namely the Cape Floral Region Protected Area, Touw Local Nature Reserve and Drie Kuilen Private Nature Reserve. Note that the Cape Floral Region is also a World Heritage Site. The Matroosberg Mountain Catchment Area is also a Protected Area and must be included in section 5.6.
16. Please provide a site layout map indicating the location of the proposed wind turbines and associated infrastructure/structures overlaid on the protected areas in the study area.
17. According to the Animal Species Specialist Scoping Report compiled by ERM dated 29 November 2023, camera traps detected and recorded the endangered Riverine Rabbit within the proposed development area. The position of the camera trap locations (Figure 3) should be superimposed on the proposed layout plan to indicate whether any of the proposed wind turbines or associated infrastructure are located near or within Riverine Rabbit habitat. No wind turbines, associated infrastructure or structures should be allowed near of within this species' habitat.
18. The specialist assessments and the Draft EIA Report must provide a map and an assessment of cumulative impacts for all renewable energy projects within at least a 30km radius of the proposed site. The cumulative assessment must also assess both the impacts of the proposed Khoe and Hugo wind energy facilities ("WEFs").

19. Please further ensure that the specialist assessments include a cumulative assessment of the same renewable energy projects. For example, the Animal Species Specialist Scoping Report refers to 4 solar photovoltaic ("PV") developments within 30km of the proposed development area, whereas the Heritage Scoping Report compiled by The Energy Team (Pty) Ltd dated 23 November 2023 refers to two approved solar PV developments and 1 WEF within 30km of the proposed site. It is recommended that the EAP provide all the specialists with the latest information on the approved and proposed renewable energy facilities to ensure consistency. Kindly also be informed of the proposed 110MW Ezelsjacht solar PV facility proposed on Portion 6 of the Farm Ratelbosch No. 149, De Doorns. This application is at the FSR stage.
20. It is noted that several solar (concentrating and PV) facilities are approved and proposed within 30km radius of the proposed site. The section on alternatives (section 6) does not indicate why the applicant has opted for wind energy as opposed to solar energy. It is recommended that the forthcoming Draft EIA Report provide a description why the WEF is the preferred renewable energy technology alternative.
21. In terms of the environmental legal framework (section 3) and policies in support of renewable energy (section 8.2), please add the the National Climate Change Response White Paper (2011) as well the Western Cape Climate Change Response Strategy: Vision 2050 (2022). This Strategy can be downloaded from https://www.westerncape.gov.za/assets/departments/environmental-affairs-development-planning/wcccrs_vision_2050_march_2022.pdf.
22. It is further recommended that the FSR and/or Draft EIA Report indicate how the proposed development aligns with the emerging long-term plan of the Integrated Resource Plan (2019).
23. It is noted that the proposal triggers section 38(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999) and that a Notification of Intent to develop ("NID") has been submitted to Heritage Western Cape ("HWC") on 24 November 2023. Ideally, comment from HWC on the NID should have been obtained prior to release of the DSR as their comments would inform the relevant heritage-related specialist studies to be undertaken during the EIR phase. It is however recognised that all the relevant heritage (including visual) related aspects have been considered for further impact assessment.
24. It is not clear from the terms of reference ("ToR") for the EIR phase Aquatic Impact Assessment that a Risk Assessment Matrix will be undertaken to determine whether the proposed water uses can be authorized via a WUL or GA. This should ideally be included in the ToR for the specialist appointment.
25. General comments:
 - 25.1. Cross referencing "*Error! Reference source not found*" throughout the DSR must be corrected.
 - 25.2. The Executive Summary indicates that a waste management licence ("WML") may be required; however, the DSR does not allude to this. It is assumed that no WML is required.
 - 25.3. Reference to the Department of Human Settlement, Water and Sanitation must be replaced with the Department of Water and Sanitation.
 - 25.4. The Northern Cape Nature Conservation Act, 2009 (Act No. 9 of 2009) (section 3.12) is not applicable to the project.

- 25.5. Figure 5-11 is incorrectly labelled as the Critical Biodiversity Area of the North West Biodiversity Spatial Plan (2015).
- 25.6. The DSR indicates that portable sanitation facilities will be used during the construction phase, but it is unclear what ablution facilities will be used during the operational phase.

Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management – Mr Gunther Frantz (Email: Gunther.Frantz@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 2975):

26. It is mentioned on page 63 of the DSR that water requirements for the proposed development may be sourced from the landowner's existing boreholes on the site or from new boreholes that will be drilled. Details such as depth to groundwater, location of the borehole and water right allocation should be furnished in the Draft EIA Report for these existing borehole/s.
27. This Directorate supports the Plan of study for EIA and the proposed specialist studies, particularly the Freshwater Impact Assessment to be undertaken, for the identification of sensitive areas to be avoided and the determination of the respective buffers for each identified aspect. This Directorate will provide further comment on the Draft EIA Report and EMPr.

Directorate: Waste Management – Mr Muneeb Baderoon (Email: Muneeb.Baderoon@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 2965):

28. The Screening Tool Report indicated very high sensitivities for, *inter alia*, the aquatic biodiversity, flicker, landscape, and terrestrial biodiversity themes. Management and mitigation of environmental impacts must be suitably addressed in the respective specialist assessments, Draft EIA Report and the Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr").
29. Acceptable dust rates in terms of the National Dust Control Regulations (Government Notice No. R. 827 of 1 November 2013) promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act No. 39 of 2004) are described in the DSR. It is stated that the Keerom Minor Road suffers from erosion, potholes and dust. Dust suppression is indicated as one of the uses of water at the proposed WEF. Note that non-potable water should be used for this purpose. Dust impacts are also included amongst nuisance impacts associated with construction-related activities. Further, heavy vehicles are expected to cause dust along unpaved access roads during the transportation of various components to the site. Dust mitigation measures or a fugitive dust control plan should be included in the EMPr.
30. This Directorate awaits the EMPr for comment, which must include the prevention and mitigation of all risks and impacts posed by industrial effluents and fuels. A detailed waste management plan must be included in the EMPr.
31. The construction of roads, turbine hard-stands, roads, laydown areas and site offices will require the removal of currently intact vegetation. Alien invasive vegetation must be removed according to relevant municipal and provincial procedures, guidelines and recommendations, and disposed of at a recognised waste disposal facility. Removed vegetation may not be burned without prior

authorisation and the Municipality must be consulted about dealing with such vegetation according to its organic waste diversion plan. This must be addressed in the EMPr.

Directorate: Air Quality Management – Mr Mzolisi Benxa (E-mail: Mzolisi.Benxa@westerncape.gov.za; Tel: (021) 483 2388):

32. The Noise Report for Site Sensitivity Verification and Scoping Purposes compiled by Enviro-Acoustic Research cc dated November 2023 lists the applicable legislation pertaining to noise, including the Western Cape Noise Control Regulations ("WCNCR") promulgated in Provincial Notice 200/2013. Please be advised that in terms of assessing possible impacts from new developments, EIAs, and related applications in the Western Cape Province, the WCNCR (2013) should be used as the benchmark for noise assessments.
33. This Directorate has no further comments on the DSR and awaits the Draft EIA Report for further comments.
34. Please note that this Directorate has a dedicated email address reserved for all EIA related correspondences (DEADP.AQM@westerncape.gov.za). Kindly use this email address for any future correspondence.
35. Please note that the abovementioned recommendations do not pre-empt the outcome of the application. No information provided, views expressed and/or comments made by this Directorate should in no way be regarded as an indication or confirmation that additional information or documents will not be requested.

The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any or new information received.

Yours sincerely

pp **HEAD OF DEPARTMENT**
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Letter signed by:

Thea Jordan

Director: Development Facilitation

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Thank you .

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Sent: Tuesday, 05 March 2024 08:02

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Kind Regards,



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Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for your response.

Yes, we do require comments on both Hugo and Khoe, albeit the scope for both Hugo and Khoe remain the same. We acknowledge that previous comments made remain valid.

We will update the I&AP database accordingly and will notify you once the Draft EIA Report becomes available for public comment.

Thank you,

Kind Regards



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I hope you are well. The email received from my colleague refers.

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I note that your email is specific only to the Khoe WEF, but I note that your website also contains an updated DSR for the Hugo WEF. Do you require comments on both or only for Khoe WEF?

We have already provided comments on the lapsed applications, and since the scope of the development proposals have not changed, we will not be providing additional or new comments on the new DSR(s). Our previous comments therefore remain valid and should be construed as comments on the new DSR(s).

Would you please notify me when the FSRs are accepted by the DFFE and when the Draft EIA Reports are available for comments please?

Please acknowledge receipt of this email.

Kind regards,

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Morning [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email.

Please note that the Draft Scoping Report and Appendices for both the Hugo and Khoe Wind Energy Facilities were slightly amended (where applicable) based on the comments received during the January 2024 public comment period.

Kind regards,



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Thank you.

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Dear Sadiye and [REDACTED]

As a point of introduction, I have served as the chairman of **Hex River Valley Heritage & Conservation Society (HRVH&CS)** - affiliated to Heritage Western Cape, from 2019 until I retired last year, in December 2023. I have also served on several boards in the capacity of Financial Director and New Business Development Director until I retired and moved from Gauteng to the Western Cape in 2018.

I now act as a Business Development and Financial Resources adviser to various businesses in the Agri-sector in this region.

I currently reside in De Doorns, Western Cape, the town which is in close proximity to the proposed sites for the ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy facilities (WEFs).

Since becoming aware of this project I have been following its progress with great interest. I am both familiar and conversant with the principles, prescripts and requirements as stipulated by NEMA (National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998)), pertaining to the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) Process and the I&AP and PPP participation therein. It is in this context that I write this email to you, that is, both in the capacity of the ex-chairman of the society, as well as being a concerned citizen.

I have read the Hugo and KHOE WEF documents and Scoping Reports, in particular the documents relating to the Heritage and Environmental Impact studies (Assessment conducted under Section 38 (8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (No. 25 of 1999) as part of an Environmental Impact Assessment), and section 2 that defines the range and extent of what are considered to be South Africa's heritage resources, being "any place or object of cultural significance".

I am satisfied that the necessary and essential heritage & cultural investigations into these aspects, as relating to the proposed site locations for the erection of the WEF, have been undertaken, completed and professionally dealt with, and that the preliminary findings and reports (to date) reveal that the project complies with the statutory and regulatory requirements in this regard.

I therefore accept the conclusion on page 2 of the report prepared by Mr John Gribble of TerraMare Archaeology (Pty) Ltd, wherein he states "Although the Hugo WEF is in an area of high to very high palaeontological sensitivity this is not a red flag or fatal flaw and should not constrain the proposed development, provided suitable measures to mitigate any impacts are implemented as part of the development of the WEF."

It is therefore incumbent on the senior project managers of the various sites to ensure that they heed the due processes in terms of the ongoing heritage and cultural compliance requirements throughout the erection of the facilities, the commissioning phase and the management of the facilities into the future.

Finally, it is very comforting to me, as a member of the public and vested community member in De Doorns, that this project is likely to realise significant job creation, upskilling, upliftment and economic benefit to the local communities for the foreseeable future.

I therefore have no reservations but to support this project and look forward to seeing it become a reality.

I am available for further discussion and participation in this process.

Thanking you,

Kind Regards / Vriendelike Groete



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Dear Sadiya Salie,

Thank you for your letter on the resubmission and please note that my position stays the same as described in my letter to you of 24/01/2024.

My appreciation and thank you for the good work done.

Kind regards.

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[2024 Feb 9 - Comments on the DSR for the proposed 290MW Khoe WEF and associated infrastructure near Montagu, Langeberg Municipality.pdf](#)

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Dear Sadiya,

I hope you are well. The email received from my colleague refers.

Please be advised that I am responsible for collating this Department's comments on all applications where the DFFE or DMRE are the competent authority. It is therefore imperative that my name be added to the I&AP register for both applications and that I be informed of all future DMRE/DFFE applications please. Please also include my director, Ms Thea Jordan, on your I&AP list for all such applications.

I note that your email is specific only to the Khoe WEF, but I note that your website also contains an updated DSR for the Hugo WEF. Do you require comments on both or only for Khoe WEF?

We have already provided comments on the lapsed applications, and since the scope of the development proposals have not changed, we will not be providing additional or new comments on the new DSR(s). Our previous comments therefore remain valid and should be construed as comments on the new DSR(s).

Would you please notify me when the FSRs are accepted by the DFFE and when the Draft EIA Reports are available for comments please?

Please acknowledge receipt of this email.

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To: [REDACTED]; [ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities](#)
Subject: RE: Resubmission of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province
Date: Monday, 18 March 2024 15:39:58
Attachments: [image004.png](#)

Hi [REDACTED]

We have sent a USB, containing both Hugo and Khoe Draft Scoping Reports to the Department last week.

Kindly confirm if you have received the USB.

Kind Regards



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2024 12:21 PM
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Subject: FW: Resubmission of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

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Please note that this office is bound by the government filing system which is currently in physical file format as approved by the Auditor General.

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As solution to the cost of printing hard copies and lack of electronic filing system on our side (as discussed above) we decided the best option is to give you as consultants the option for a CD or USB as alternative to hard copy.

The main difference between a CD or USB is storage. A hard copy, CD or USB is the "store". Email or we-transfer needs to be printed to be stored physically as we do not have an approved filing system available in the cloud or other network.

CD or USB we can still put on a physical file.

With many thanks and kind regards

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 29 February 2024 06:02 PM
To: [Redacted] >
Subject: FW: Resubmission of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

Groete/Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, 29 February 2024 15:11

To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Resubmission of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

From: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>

Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 2:55 PM

To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>

Subject: Resubmission of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

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To: [ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities](#)
Subject: RE: Resubmission of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province
Date: Tuesday, 05 March 2024 09:20:57
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good morning

Please send notifications of this nature to [REDACTED]

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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Subject: RE: Resubmission of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province
Date: Tuesday, 05 March 2024 10:17:27
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image001.png](#)

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good day

Kindly note that comments received from the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation still stands.



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[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]



From: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Sent: Thursday, 29 February 2024 14:55
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities](#)
Subject: Registration and Comment sheet. H Havinga
Date: Tuesday, 02 April 2024 09:47:08
Attachments: [SKM_C3350i24040209280.pdf](#)

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Good day

Please find attached my registration information. Kindly acknowledge receipt thereof.

regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 9:28 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Message from KM_C3350i

From: [ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities](#)
To: [ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities](#)
Subject: Resubmission of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Hugo Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province
Date: Thursday, 29 February 2024 14:32:45
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Hugo_Notification_Letter_Afrikaans.pdf](#)
[Hugo_Notification_Letter_English.pdf](#)

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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Resubmission of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Hugo Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province
Date: Thursday, 14 March 2024 08:09:20
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Hugo Notification Letter.pdf](#)

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From: [ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities](#)
To: [Sadiya Salie](#)
Subject: RE: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2515 & 2516
Date: Tuesday, 02 April 2024 13:54:57

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 11:17 AM
To: [REDACTED] >
Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2515 & 2516

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

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,

[REDACTED]

To God be the Glory!!!

From: [ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities](#)
To: [REDACTED]; [ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities](#)
Subject: RE: Resubmission of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province
Date: Tuesday, 02 April 2024 12:08:42
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thank you [REDACTED]

We will notify you when the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment becomes available for public participation.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2024 9:21 PM
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Subject: Re: Resubmission of the Draft Scoping Report for Public Comment: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed Establishment of the Khoe Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Western Cape Province

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear Sadiye and [REDACTED]

As a point of introduction, I have served as the chairman of **Hex River Valley Heritage & Conservation Society (HRVH&CS)** - affiliated to Heritage Western Cape, from 2019 until I retired last year, in December 2023. I have also served on several boards in the capacity of Financial Director and New Business Development Director until I retired and moved from Gauteng to the Western Cape in 2018.

I now act as a Business Development and Financial Resources adviser to various businesses in the Agri-sector in this region.

I currently reside in De Doorns, Western Cape, the town which is in close proximity to the proposed sites for the ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy facilities (WEFs).

Since becoming aware of this project I have been following its progress with great interest. I am both familiar and conversant with the principles, prescripts and requirements as stipulated by NEMA (National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998)), pertaining to the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) Process and the I&AP and PPP participation

therein. It is in this context that I write this email to you, that is, both in the capacity of the ex-chairman of the society, as well as being a concerned citizen.

I have read the Hugo and KHOE WEF documents and Scoping Reports, in particular the documents relating to the Heritage and Environmental Impact studies (Assessment conducted under Section 38 (8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (No. 25 of 1999) as part of an Environmental Impact Assessment), and section 2 that defines the range and extent of what are considered to be South Africa's heritage resources, being "any place or object of cultural significance".

I am satisfied that the necessary and essential heritage & cultural investigations into these aspects, as relating to the proposed site locations for the erection of the WEF, have been undertaken, completed and professionally dealt with, and that the preliminary findings and reports (to date) reveal that the project complies with the statutory and regulatory requirements in this regard.

I therefore accept the conclusion on page 2 of the report prepared by Mr John Gribble of TerraMare Archaeology (Pty) Ltd, wherein he states "Although the Hugo WEF is in an area of high to very high palaeontological sensitivity this is not a red flag or fatal flaw and should not constrain the proposed development, provided suitable measures to mitigate any impacts are implemented as part of the development of the WEF."

It is therefore incumbent on the senior project managers of the various sites to ensure that they heed the due processes in terms of the ongoing heritage and cultural compliance requirements throughout the erection of the facilities, the commissioning phase and the management of the facilities into the future.

Finally, it is very comforting to me, as a member of the public and vested community member in De Doorns, that this project is likely to realise significant job creation, upskilling, upliftment and economic benefit to the local communities for the foreseeable future.

I therefore have no reservations but to support this project and look forward to seeing it become a reality.

I am available for further discussion and participation in this process.

Thanking you,

Kind Regards / Vriendelike Groete



On Thu, 29 Feb 2024 at 14:55, ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com> wrote:

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To: [REDACTED]; [ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Registration and Comment sheet. H Havinga
Date: Wednesday, 03 April 2024 16:42:33
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Hi [REDACTED]

We acknowledge there may be a high visual impact on your property and potential impact will be investigated further by the visual specialist, during the EIA phase.

Thank you,

Kind Regards



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 9:47 AM
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Subject: Registration and Comment sheet. H Havinga

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 9:28 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Message from KM_C3350i

From: [REDACTED]
To: [ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Hugo and Khoe wind energy facility
Date: Monday, 29 April 2024 15:15:32
Attachments: [Khoe BID-English completed.pdf](#)

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Hi [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Hugo Wind Energy Facility - Worcester
Date: Monday, 06 May 2024 16:02:28
Attachments: [SKM_C250i24050615280.pdf](#)
[Official comments from DoA-Hugo WEF.pdf](#)

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Hi [REDACTED]
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With many thanks and kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities](#)
Subject: Khoe Wind Energy Facility - Leeuwenboschfontein Observatory Registration for Comment
Date: Wednesday, 17 April 2024 15:39:45

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear [REDACTED]

Please find attached our registration form for comment on the development of a Khoe Wind Energy Facility. We are not in favour of the development and will oppose it.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Khoe Wind Energy Facility - Worcester
Date: Monday, 06 May 2024 15:49:24
Attachments: [SKM_C250j24050615310.pdf](#)
[SKM_C250j24050615430.pdf](#)

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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Khoe Wind energy
Date: Wednesday, 17 April 2024 19:00:33
Attachments: [Khoe BID-English.pdf](#)

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear [REDACTED]

Please see attached registration and comment sheet

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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(South Africa [REDACTED] 07)), and delete this email and any copies thereof.

From: [ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities](#)
To: [REDACTED]; [ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Hugo and Khoe wind energy facility
Date: Tuesday, 20 August 2024 13:42:42
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi [REDACTED],

Thank you for your response.

Your comments have been taken into account. You will be notified once EIA become available.

Thank you,



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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 3:14 PM
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Hugo and Khoe wind energy facility

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To: [REDACTED]; [ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Hugo Wind Energy Facility - Worcester
Date: Tuesday, 20 August 2024 13:27:12
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Good day

Thank you for your comment, these have been taken into consideration into the EMPr.

Kind Regards



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 4:02 PM
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Hugo Wind Energy Facility - Worcester

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To: [REDACTED]; [ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities](#)
Cc:
Subject: RE: Khoe Wind Energy Facility - Leeuwenboschfontein Observatory Registration for Comment
Date: Thursday, 30 May 2024 13:05:15
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi [REDACTED]

Yes you will be notified once the Draft EIA becomes available for public participation.

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Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 7:15 AM
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Subject: Re: Khoe Wind Energy Facility - Leeuwenboschfontein Observatory Registration for Comment

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Dear Sadiya,

Thank you for your reply. Can you please let me know when the draft EIA will become available for public participation?

Kind Regards
[REDACTED]

On Thu, 18 Apr 2024 at 09:03, ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com> wrote:

Hi [REDACTED],

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 3:40 PM

To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <Hugokhoe@erm.com>

Subject: Khoe Wind Energy Facility - Leeuwenboschfontein Observatory Registration for Comment

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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Khoe Wind Energy Facility - Leeuwenboschfontein Observatory Registration for Comment
Date: Thursday, 18 April 2024 09:03:41
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 3:40 PM
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <Hugokhoe@erm.com>
Subject: Khoe Wind Energy Facility - Leeuwenboschfontein Observatory Registration for Comment

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Dear [REDACTED]

Please find attached our registration form for comment on the development of a Khoe Wind Energy Facility. We are not in favour of the development and will oppose it.

Regards
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities](#)
Subject: Re: Khoe Wind Energy Facility - Leeuwenboschfontein Observatory Registration for Comment
Date: Tuesday, 14 May 2024 07:14:37
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Dear Sadiya,

Thank you for your reply. Can you please let me know when the draft EIA will become available for public participation?

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

On Thu, 18 Apr 2024 at 09:03, ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com> wrote:

Hi [REDACTED],

Thank you for your comment, however commenting period for the scoping phase ended 2nd April and will be notified once the draft EIA becomes available for public participation. Please note, the observatory will be included as a visual receptor and impacts to be assessed during the EIA Phase.

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From: [ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities](#)
To: [REDACTED]; [ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Khoe Wind Energy Facility - Worcester
Date: Tuesday, 20 August 2024 13:26:56
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Good day

Thank you for your comment, these have been taken into consideration into the EMPr.

Kind Regards



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 3:48 PM
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Khoe Wind Energy Facility - Worcester

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Hi [REDACTED]
Please find attach comments from the WCDoA: LUM.

[With many thanks and kind regards](#)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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To: [ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Khoe Wind energy
Date: Friday, 19 April 2024 09:31:46
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear Sadiya
The coordinates I sent are from the surveyor so how would you like me to verify?

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 9:22:11 AM
To: [REDACTED] ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Khoe Wind energy

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for providing the coordinates of the boundaries.

Turbine 20 is situated ~100m from the farm boundary of RE/38. This is to cover the blade length from the neighbouring farm and adherent to the land use scheme of the respective local municipality.

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Can you please verify coordinates of position B.

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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Khoe Wind energy

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Dear Sadiya

Please see attached coordinates for my farm

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[Redacted]

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Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2024 9:02:17 AM
To: [Redacted]; ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Khoe Wind energy

Hi [Redacted]

Thank you for your comment. Can you kindly indicate on the below map the portion of your farms so we are able to confirm whether it's within the Khoe WEF boundary or not.



Thank you,

Kind Regards



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Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Khoe Wind energy

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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Khoe Wind energy
Date: Friday, 19 April 2024 09:22:21
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

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Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

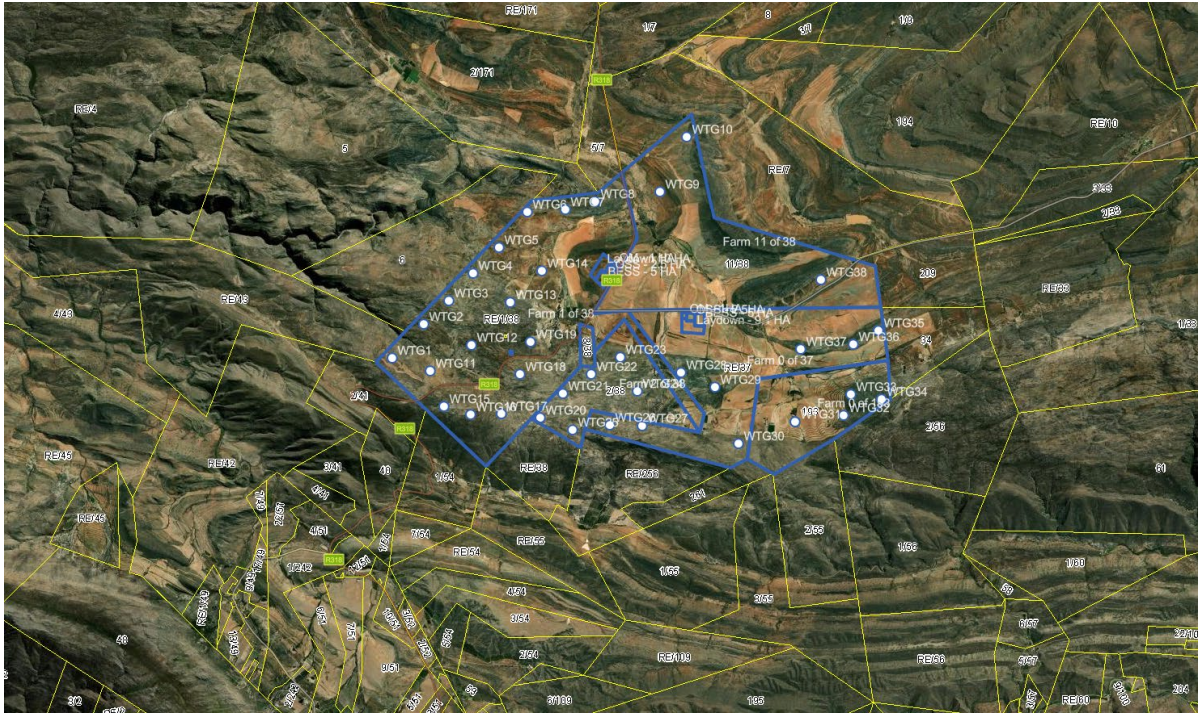
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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Hugo and Khoe WEF, Western Cape Province
Date: Wednesday, 14 August 2024 08:49:32
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi [REDACTED]

Your reponse has been included in the comments and response report.

You will be notified once the Draft EIA becomes available for Public review.

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From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 1:22 PM
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Cc: [REDACTED] >
Subject: RE: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Hugo and Khoe WEF, Western Cape Province

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good day Sadiya

Can you please confirm that my objection against the project has been noted and added to the report.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Sent: Monday, July 1, 2024 2:02 PM
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Cc: [REDACTED] >
Subject: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Hugo and Khoe WEF, Western Cape Province

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To: [REDACTED]; [ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities](#)
Subject: RE: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Hugo and Khoe WEF, Western Cape Province
Date: Friday, 02 August 2024 10:45:50
Attachments: [image004.png](#)

Good day, Kindly note the hard copies of the Scoping reports were sent previously.

Thank you



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From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, July 2, 2024 8:42 AM
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Subject: FW: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Hugo and Khoe WEF, Western Cape Province

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CD or USB we can still put on a physical file.

With many thanks and kind regards

[Redacted]

[Redacted]



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From: [Redacted] >

Sent: 01 July 2024 02:39 PM

To: [Redacted]

Subject: FW: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Hugo and Khoe WEF, Western Cape Province

Groete/Kind regards

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Hugo and Khoe WEF, Western Cape Province
Date: Friday, 12 July 2024 11:34:46
Attachments: [06 Comments and Responses Report.pdf](#)
[image001.png](#)
[07 Comments and Responses Report.pdf](#)

Hi [REDACTED],

As per Legislation, it is not a requirement to upload the Final Scoping for review, only notification of FSR submission to DFFE is required.

I have attached the CRR for your perusal.

Thank you,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2024 8:35 AM
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
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Date: Friday, 12 July 2024 11:38:23
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Hi Sadiya

Yes you are correct – we are aware that the final versions of reports do not need to be released for public participation. Thank you for providing us with the comments and response reports.

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To: [ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities](#)
Subject: RE: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Hugo and Khoe WEF, Western Cape Province
Date: Friday, 12 July 2024 08:34:57
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Dear Sadiya

I did not note any public participation documents or comments and response report on the website as part of the Final Scoping Report for submission. We are interested to know how our comments are being addressed.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Sent: Monday, July 1, 2024 2:02 PM
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Cc: [REDACTED] >
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DFFE Reference: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2515 and 14/12/16/3/3/2/2516

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To: [REDACTED]; [ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Hugo and Khoe WEF, Western Cape Province
Date: Wednesday, 14 August 2024 08:49:32
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi [REDACTED]

Your response has been included in the comments and response report.

You will be notified once the Draft EIA becomes available for Public review.

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From: [REDACTED]
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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Hugo and Khoe WEF, Western Cape Province

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good day Sadiya

Can you please confirm that my objection against the project has been noted and added to the report.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Sent: Monday, July 1, 2024 2:02 PM
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To: [REDACTED]; [ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Registration + Comment / Drie Kuilen Nature Reserve
Date: Wednesday, 14 August 2024 09:06:15
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Site Notice Report Proof.pdf](#)

Good day [REDACTED]

Thank you for your response.

Kindly note that site notices were placed along site boundary as well as within the area – kindly see attached report.

Regarding the Verreaux eagle nest, this is currently inactive, and an appropriate buffer has been implemented to avoid encroachment.

We appreciate your response, and you will be notified once the Draft EIA becomes available.

Thank you,

Kind Regards



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 9:53 AM
To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>
Subject: Registration + Comment / Drie Kuilen Nature Reserve

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good day,

please find attached our signed registration and comment sheet.

On this note, I find it quite disturbing that we, Drie Kuilen Nature Reserve, are mentioned several times in various reports and assessments about the planned wind farm but have never been

contacted. Instead we had to do our own research just to figure out what exactly is planned in our area. Only one person ever visited our site to do a “visual assessment”, that is how we heard about the project.

I will appreciate more transparency and communication in future.

Since Drie Kuilen has never been part of investigations I have strong doubts about the truthfulness of some report. Mainly the avian report that states no breeding Verreaux eagles, no nesting owls, no resident black harriers.

This is imply wrong, we have all of them and our breeding pair of Verreaux eagle with a juvenile in March is a huge problem for the proposed farm as these are moving within the 5.4km radius – even breeding in that area. We also have three different owls on the property, a breeding pair as well, various bats and a very long bird list. This is crucial to any deicision but unfortunately the avian report did not inculde our property or shares the same knowledge.

We are a protected area with 4.300ha untouched nature and protected game. We finance our conservation due to tourism and accommodation. The building phase of the wind farm will heavily affect our business due to road damage, blockages, etc. and once the turbines are up we are concerned about the visual effects of the historic and remote klein karoo. The Nougaspoot corridor has been working hard in the past years with Montagu-Ashton and Touwsrivier tourism associations to become better known and push the tourism, organize bicycle tours and establish a route of remote places. After COVID hit it took us all a while do develop this strong tourism section in our mountain range and finally this year we’re feeling the tourism number picking up. That stretches from Leeuwenbosch, Kopbeenskloof, Huizen, Gecko Rock, Rooikrans, Desert Wind... All of us rely on the acces via R318 and the gravel corridor.

I am a family member of the owners and manage our reserve for my family. There are two managers on the ground, [REDACTED] as well as our team.

I am looking forward to hear back from you soon.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Registration and Comment sheet. H Havinga
Date: Monday, 29 April 2024 09:50:33

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good day

From the N1 you drive on the R318 towards Montagu for about 15 km. You will find a Small White sign on your right hand side showing "Middelberg". Follow the dirt road for about 4 km until you reach the farm.

regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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From: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>

Sent: Friday, April 26, 2024 11:00 AM

To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Registration and Comment sheet. H Havinga

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Hi [REDACTED]

Can you kindly confirm the location of your guesthouse? Our visual specialist is planning to visit the site 5th May and will include your guesthouse as a receptor to assess for visual impact.

Thank you,

Kind Regards



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From: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 4:43 PM

To: [REDACTED] ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities
<HugoKhoe@erm.com>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Registration and Comment sheet. H Havinga

Hi [REDACTED]

We acknowledge there may be a high visual impact on your property and potential impact will be investigated further by the visual specialist, during the EIA phase.

Thank you,

Kind Regards



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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 9:47 AM

To: ERM Hugo & Khoe Wind Energy Facilities <HugoKhoe@erm.com>

Subject: Registration and Comment sheet. H Havinga

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Good day

Please find attached my registration information. Kindly acknowledge receipt thereof.

regards

[Redacted]

[Redacted]



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From: [Redacted]

Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 9:28 AM

To: [Redacted] >

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