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## PER EMAIL / MAIL

Dear Ms Grimbeek

### **APPROVAL OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME REPORTS (EMPRs) FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF HENDRINA RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX: SOUTH WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.**

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the above application by this Department on 05 December 2022, the draft Environmental Management Programme Reports (EMPRs) received by the Department on 10 June 2024, the comments issued by the Department on 10 July 2024, and the final EMPRs received by the Department on 20 September 2024, refer.

This Department hereby approves the revised facility EMPR, the Layout Plan and the Generic Substation EMPR for the abovementioned proposed development. The facility EMPR, the Layout Plan and the Generic Substation EMPR adequately addresses all the requirements of Condition 13 and 14 of the EA issued by the Department on 05 December 2022.

The EMPRs may be amended from time to time as and when the need arises. Amendments to the EMPR must be approved by this Department.



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The EMPRs must be regarded as a 'living document', which may be amended from time to time as and when the need arises. For future amendments to the EMPRs, your attention is drawn to the processes as outlined in the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

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

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

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

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

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

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

By email: [appeals@dffe.gov.za](mailto:appeals@dffe.gov.za) ;

By hand: Environment House  
473 Steve Biko Road  
Arcadia  
**PRETORIA**  
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By post: Private Bag X447  
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To obtain the prescribed appeal form and for guidance on the submission of appeals, please visit the Department's website at [https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms#legal\\_authorisations](https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations) or request a copy of the documents at [appeals@dffe.gov.za](mailto:appeals@dffe.gov.za)

Yours faithfully

  
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