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Dear Mr Koopman

APPROVAL OF THE OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME (OEMPr) AMENDMENT TO THE RECORD of DECISION (RoD) ISSUED 28 FEBRUARY 2005 FOR DARLING NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION WIND FARM, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE.

This Department has evaluated the Operational Environmental Management Programme (OEMPr) for the Darling National Demonstration Wind Farm and is satisfied with the contents thereof. Furthermore, the Department is of the opinion that the OEMPr dated September 2021 and received by the Department on 11 October 2021 complies and fulfils the conditions of the RoD issued 28 February 2005. As such, the OEMPr dated September 2021 is hereby approved.

This OEMPr should be regarded as a 'living document', which may be amended from time to time as and when the need arises.

In terms of Regulation 36. (1) & (2) of the National Environmental Management Act: the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, the following is drawn to your attention:

- (1) Where an amendment is required to the <u>impact management actions</u> of an OEMPr, such amendments may immediately be effected by the holder and reflected in the next environmental audit report submitted as contemplated in the environmental authorisation and regulation 34, and
- (2) Where an amendment to the <u>Impact management outcomes</u> of an QEMPr or an amendment of the closure objectives of a closure plan is required before an audit is required in terms of the environmental authorisation, an QEMPr or closure plan may be amended on application by the holder of the environmental authorisation. Such amendments to the QEMPr must be approved by this Department in writing prior to the commencement of such amendments.

The approved Operational Environmental Management Programme (OEMPr) must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 28 February 2005.

For future amendments to this OEMPr, your attention is drawn to the processes as outlined in the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

Yours faithfully

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