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Dear Ms Grimbeek

CORRECTION IN TERMS OF REGULATION 27 (4) OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) REGULATIONS, 2014, AS AMENDED TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 31 JANUARY 2024 FOR THE IGOLIDE WIND ENERGY FACILITY (UP TO 100 MW) NORTHEAST OF FOCHVILLE, WITHIN THE MERAUFONG CITY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WEST RAND DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY IN THE GAUTENG PROVINCE.

The amendment to the Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the above application by this Department on 31 January 2024, your letter dated 23 February 2024 and received by this Department on 23 February 2024, refer.

In terms of Regulation 27 (4) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended this Department has decided to amend the abovementioned decision to correct a typographical error to include cabling, final layout plan, and correct Heritage recommendations as follows:

Correction 1 – missing infrastructure from technical details table - Page 11 to 13 of the EA

Cabling is included in the project description in the Final Environmental Impact Report and Application form; however, this infrastructure has now been included in the table on pages 11 to 13 of the EA.

Added Technical Details table in the EA as required.

Cables:	The medium voltage collector system will comprise cables up to and including 33kV that run underground, except where a technical assessment suggests that overhead lines are required, connecting the turbines to the on-site IPP substation.
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Correction 2 – Incorrect Layout in Annexure 2 of the EA

The layout included in Annexure 2 of the EA is the scoping phase layout and not the Final EIA layout put forward for authorisation.

Annexure 2: Locality Plan: 100MW Igolide Wind Energy Farm, Gauteng Province



The layout in Annexure 2 is updated to reflect the correct Final Layout as illustrated in Figure 11-1 on page 389 of the Final EIR.

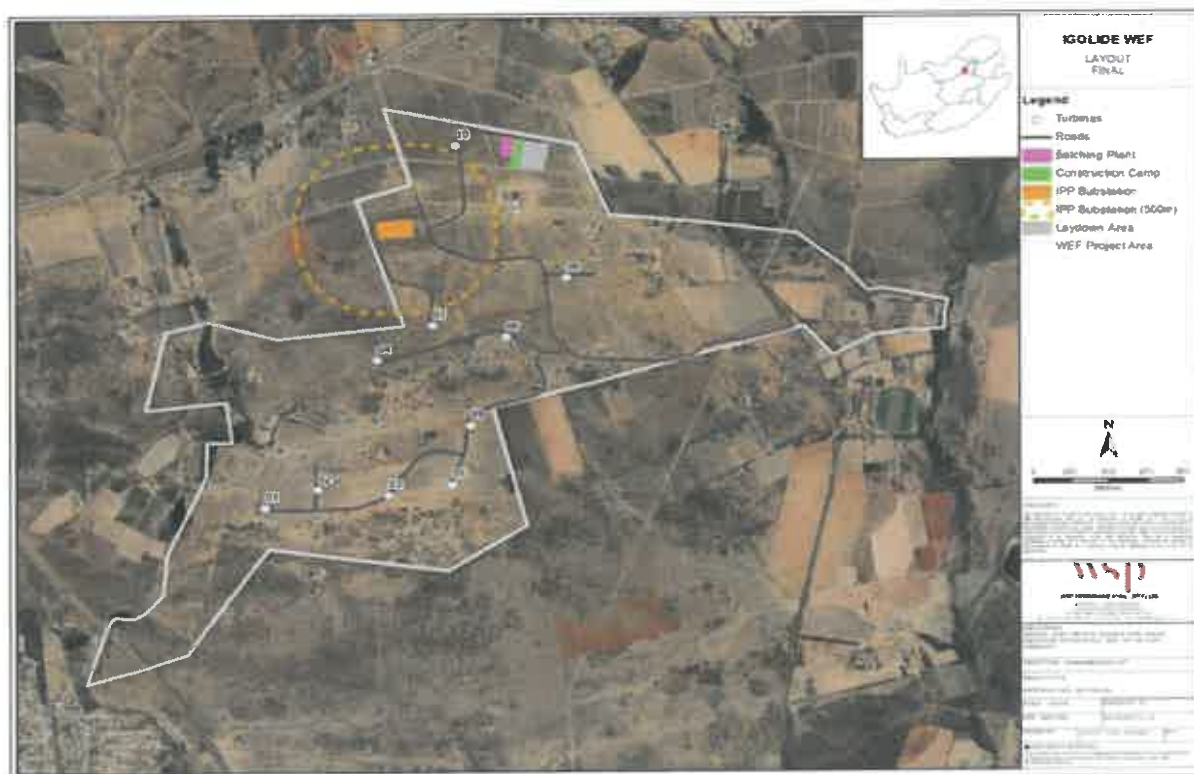


Figure 11-1 –Final Layout for Approval/Authorisation

Correction 3 – Incorrect Heritage Recommendations - Page 18 and 19 of the EA

It was noted that Conditions 39 – 43 of the EA outline recommendations taken from the Heritage Impact Assessment Report. However, as outlined in Section 11.4 of the Final EIR, the Final Layout presented in the EIR has already taken these recommendations into consideration.

Conditions to amend, are as follows:

39. The project road past the graveyard at Site 23 must be shifted north to allow a 30 m no-go buffer around the graveyard.
40. The project road passing through the Late Iron Age site at Site 05 must be rerouted towards the south. It is recognised that the project site boundary provides a constraint in terms of buffer width (30 m will be ideal) and the road should thus be placed as far south as possible.
41. Turbines 1, 3 and 5 and their associated roads must be shifted to the north to allow a 30 m no-go buffer between them and the Late Iron Age and historical Sites 01, 02 and 16.
42. The project infrastructure at Turbine 7 must be placed far enough east to allow a 30 m no-go buffer around the Late Iron Age Site 07.
43. The project road passing the north-eastern part of Late Iron Age Site 08 should be shifted towards the northeast to allow a 30 m no-go buffer between it and the site.

Conditions are hereby amended to:

Conditions 39 – 43 are removed from the EA and replaced with the correct heritage recommendations as outlined page 397 and 398 of the Final EIR.

Given the high density of archaeological sites, a heritage management plan should be compiled to ensure adequate protection of the sites both, during and after construction.

- No roads are permitted to cross Late Iron Ages sites;
- A 30m no – go buffer must be applied around all archaeological sites and graves;
- The portion of the graveyard falling within the site must be fenced (farm-style fence with pedestrian gate);
- No-go signage should be placed along the margins of Sites 01, 02, 05, 07, 08, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23 and 25, adjacent to the project infrastructure and the ECO should monitor compliance;

Please note that this letter must be read in conjunction with the Environmental Authorisation dated 31 January 2024, as amended.

Yours faithfully



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