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PER EMAIL

Dear Ms Grimbeek

AMENDMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 07 DECEMBER 2022 FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF HENDRINA RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX: WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

The Environmental Authorisation ("EA") issued for the abovementioned application by this Competent Authority ("CA") on 07 December 2022, your application for amendment of the EA received by the CA on 24 October 2024, the acknowledgement letter dated 01 November 2024 and additional information dated 04 November 2024, refer.

Based on a review of the reason for requesting an amendment to the above EA, this CA in terms of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 as amended, has decided to amend the EA dated 07 December 2022, as follows:

Amendment 1: Change the EA holder on the cover page and pages 1 and 2 of the EA



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Reason for amendment:

The Hendrina North WEF is being developed commercially together with the Hendrina South WEF, which is owned by the company Hendrina South Wind Energy Facility (RF) (Pty) Ltd. Therefore, ownership has been transferred and this needs to be reflected on the EA so that the project can reach financial close.

Amendment 2: Changing the name and description of the WEF by substituting the word “North” with the word “South” on the cover letter (title, footer on Page 2) and in the EA

2.1. Page 1 and Page 2 of the cover letter

From:

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, ACT NO. 107 OF 1998: AS AMENDED: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF HENDRINA RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX: **NORTH** WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.

To:

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, ACT NO. 107 OF 1998: AS AMENDED: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF HENDRINA RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX: WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.

2.2. Page 1 of the EA

From:

THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF HENDRINA RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX: **NORTH** WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

To:

THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF HENDRINA RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX: WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

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| Holder of authorisation: | Hendrina North Wind Energy Facility (RF) (Pty) Ltd |
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| Holder of authorisation: | Hendrina South Wind Energy Facility (RF) (Pty) Ltd |
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2.3. Page 2 of the EA

From:

HENDRINA **NORTH** WIND ENERGY FACILITY (RF) (PTY) LTD

To:

HENDRINA **SOUTH** WIND ENERGY FACILITY (RF) (PTY) LTD

2.4. Page 3 of the EA

From:

| Activity number | Activity description |
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| Listing Notice 1 | |
| Listing Notice 1, Item 11: <i>The development of facilities or infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity— (i) outside urban areas or industrial complexes with a capacity of more than 33 but less than 275 kilovolts;</i> | The proposed development will entail that construction of an onsite substation. The on-site substation will act as a collector substation and will receive power generated by the Hendrina North WEF. The onsite substation associated with this Project will be outside urban areas and will have a capacity of 132kV. |

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| Activity number | Activity description |
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| Listing Notice 1 | |
| Listing Notice 1, Item 11: <i>The development of facilities or infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity— (i) outside urban areas or industrial complexes with a capacity of more than 33 but less than 275 kilovolts;</i> | The proposed development will entail that construction of an onsite substation. The on-site substation will act as a collector substation and will receive power generated by the Hendrina WEF. The onsite substation associated with this project will be outside urban areas and will have a capacity of 132kV. |

2.5. Page 9 of the EA

From:

- for the proposed Hendrina Renewable Energy Complex: **North** Wind Energy Facility and associated infrastructure, within ward 3 and 4 of the Nkangala District Municipality in the Mpumalanga Province, hereafter referred to as “the property”.

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- for the proposed Hendrina Renewable Energy Complex: Wind Energy Facility and associated infrastructure, within ward 3 and 4 of the Nkangala District Municipality in the Mpumalanga Province, hereafter referred to as “the property”.

From:

The proposed development entails the development of the Hendrina **North** Wind Energy Facility (WEF) and associated infrastructure, including sub-station (IPP Portion) and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Building, Roads and Cables and temporary construction camps and laydown areas.

To:

The proposed development entails the development of the Hendrina Wind Energy Facility (WEF) and associated infrastructure, including sub-station (IPP Portion) and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Building, Roads and Cables and temporary construction camps and laydown areas.

From:

Components of the proposed development entail the following:

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| Facility Name: | Hendrina North Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure |
| Applicant: | Hendrina North Wind Energy Facility (RF) Pty Ltd |

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| Facility Name: | Hendrina Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure |
| Applicant: | Hendrina South Wind Energy Facility (RF) Pty Ltd |

Reason for amendment:

The Applicant indicate that at the time of issuing the EA, the project name for the WEF was the Hendrina North Renewable Energy Complex: Wind Energy Facility and associated infrastructure. However, because the ownership of the project has been transferred from Hendrina North Wind Energy Facility (RF) (Pty) Ltd to Hendrina South Wind Energy Facility (RF) (Pty) Ltd, as it will be developed as part of the Hendrina South WEF, the name is now Hendrina Wind Energy Facility. The removal of reference to 'North' is to meet commercial requirements and to align the name with that of the Hendrina South Wind Energy Facility without having two EAs for WEFs with the same name.

Amendment 3: Specifying that the Hendrina WEF will connect to the approved Hendrina South WEF substation on page 10 of the EA

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| Cables: | The medium voltage collector system will comprise of 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 onsite substation (IPP Portion). |
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| Cables: | The medium voltage collector system will comprise of 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 Hendrina South onsite substation (IPP Portion). |
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Reason for amendment:

The Applicant indicate that as the Hendrina North WEF is being developed commercially together with the Hendrina South WEF, the electricity will collect to the Hendrina South WEF substation. It is noted that the cabling leading up to the Hendrina South WEF substation is approved within the Hendrina South WEF EA (DFFE Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2131).

The CA is aware that the environment changes constantly, as a result it might be significantly different from the one that existed at the time of the issuing of this EA, hence the validity of the EA cannot exceed a maximum period of 10 years. Failure to commence with construction activities within the maximum 10-year period, your EA will be deemed to have lapsed and a new application for Environmental Authorisation will have to be lodged.

This proposed amendment letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 07 December 2022.

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 Department's decision as well as the provisions regarding the submission of appeals that are contained in the EIA Regulations.

In terms of the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 2000 (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, 2013 (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 the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (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: appealsdirector@ddfe.gov.za

By hand: Environment House
473 Steve Biko
Arcadia
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By post: Private Bag X447
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Please note that in terms of Section 43(7) of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, the lodging of an appeal will suspend the environmental authorisation or any provision or condition attached thereto. In the instance where an appeal is lodged, you may not commence with the activity until such time that the appeal is finalised.

To obtain the prescribed appeal form and for guidance on the submission of appeals, please visit the Department's website at https://www.ddfe.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations or request a copy of the documents at appealsdirector@ddfe.gov.za.

Yours faithfully


Dr Sabelo Malaza
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Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
Date: 18 // 2024

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