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## PER E-MAIL / MAIL

Dear Mr Battisti

### AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 25 SEPTEMBER 2019, AS AMENDED FOR THE 189MW IMPOFU EAST WIND FARM AND ITS ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR OYSTER BAY WITHIN THE KOUGA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Environmental Authorisation ("EA") issued for the abovementioned application by this Department on 25 September 2019, amendments to the EA dated 16 November 2020 and 06 December 2022, your application for the amendment to the EA received by this Competent Authority ("CA") on the 16 January 2025, acknowledged on 27 January 2025, and additional information received on 03 and 18 February 2025 refer.

Based on a review of the reason for requesting an amendment to the above EA, this Department, in terms of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") Regulations, 2014 as amended, has decided to amend the EA dated 25 September 2019, as amended as follows:

#### **Amendment 1: Amend the details of the contact person on the cover page and page 3 of the EA** From:

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**Reason for amendment:**

The applicant, Red Cap Impofu East (Pty) Ltd applied to amend the details of the contact person as this has changed since the EA was issued.

**Amendment 2: Amend the number of turbines and technical details in the EA**

**From:**

- Turbines: Up to **23 turbines** with a hub height from **90 to 130m**, and rotor diameter of up to **180m**, the minimum tip height (ground clearance) will be at least **30m**.

Component	Description/ Dimensions
Number of Turbines	Up to <b>23</b>
Surface area to be covered (including associated infrastructure such as roads)	Total approximately <b>577 850m<sup>2</sup></b> comprising of: Temporary construction laydown areas (turbine hardstand areas): <b>23</b> x 6,200m <sup>2</sup> = <b>142 600m<sup>2</sup></b> . Temporary site camp areas: 15,000m <sup>2</sup> and batching plant area of approximately <b>1,000m<sup>2</sup></b> . Permanent upgrade of existing tracks and roads and construction of new roads covering an area of approximately 340 000m <sup>2</sup> . Permanent laydown areas of approximately <b>23</b> x 40x 50m = <b>46 000m<sup>2</sup></b> ; and Impofu East Substation approximately 150 x 75m =11,250m <sup>2</sup> . Temporary areas will be rehabilitated after construction.

**To:**

- Turbines: Up to **19** turbines with a hub height of **120m**, and rotor diameter of **163m**, the minimum tip height (ground clearance) will be at least **38.5m**.

Component	Description/ Dimensions
Number of Turbines	Up to <b>19</b>
Surface area to be covered (including associated infrastructure such as roads)	Total approximately <b>523 050m<sup>2</sup></b> comprising of: Temporary construction laydown areas (turbine hardstand areas): <b>19</b> x 6,200m <sup>2</sup> = <b>117 800m<sup>2</sup></b> . Temporary site camp areas: 15,000m <sup>2</sup> and batching plant area of approximately 1,000m <sup>2</sup> . Permanent upgrade of existing tracks and roads and construction of new roads covering an area of approximately 340 000m <sup>2</sup> . Permanent laydown areas of approximately <b>19</b> x 40x 50m = <b>38 000m<sup>2</sup></b> ; and

Impofu East Substation approximately 150 x 75m =11,250m<sup>2</sup>.  
Temporary areas will be rehabilitated after construction.

**Reason for amendment:**

The holder of the EA has applied to amend the technical details of the project as there has been a change to the turbine specifications. The number of turbines has been reduced from 23 to 19, while maintaining the same power output. The reduction in the number of turbines also reduced the total surface area covered.

This amendment letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 25 September 2019, 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 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: [appeals@dfpe.gov.za](mailto:appeals@dfpe.gov.za)

By hand: Environment House  
473 Steve Biko Road  
Arcadia  
**PRETORIA**  
0083; or

By post: Private Bag X447  
**PRETORIA**  
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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.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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**Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment**

**Date:** 24/02/2025

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