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PER EMAIL

Dear Mr Battisti

AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 25 SEPTEMBER 2019, AS AMENDED FOR THE 182MW IMPOFU NORTH 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, the amendments to the EA dated 16 November 2020 and 06 December 2022, your application for an amendment of the EA received by the Department on 16 January 2025, the acknowledgement letter dated 29 January 2025 and the additional information received by this Department on 11 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 NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended, has decided to amend the EA dated 25 September 2019, as amended as follows:



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Amendment 1: Amendment to change the contact person and contact details of the holder of the EA:

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Reason for amendment

Red Cap Impofu (Pty) Ltd has encountered a change in the responsible person for the project and as a result of this an amendment of the EA is required to present the correct contact person to the authorities.

Amendment 2: Amendment to change the number of turbines and specifications of the turbines

The number of turbines and specifications of the turbines on page 08 of the EA as amended is hereby amended:

From:

"The facility will comprise the following:

Turbines: Up to 26 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"



To:

"The facility will comprise the following:

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"

Reason for amendment:

The holder of the EA has applied to amend the project description as there has been a change to the turbine specifications. The number turbines have been reduced from 26 to 19, while maintaining the same power output, so that the EA is aligned with the description in the approved EMP and layout (14-12-16-3-3-2-1102-MP1).

Amendment 3: Amendment to the technical details of the EA:

The technical details of the WEF table on page 10 of the EA as amended are hereby amended:

From:

Technical details of the WEF:

Component	Description/ Dimensions
Location of the Site	Approximately 16km north-west of Oyster Bay in the Eastern Cape Province
SG Codes	C03400000000081800000 C03400000000035800001 C34000000000035800002 C34000000000035800008 C34000000000035800013 C34000000000035800014 C34000000000035800015 C34000000000035800020 C34000000000035800021 C34000000000036100005 C34000000000067500000 C34000000000067500003 C34000000000067500005 C34000000000067600001 C34000000000067800000 C34000000000067800001 C34000000000067800002 C34000000000085100000 C34000000000035800022 C34000000000035800050 C34000000000035800051 C34000000000035800052 C34000000000035800053 C34000000000067500006

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<i>Export capacity</i>	<i>Up to 182MW</i>
<i>Proposed Technology</i>	<i>Wind Turbines</i>
<i>Number of Turbines</i>	<i>Up to 26</i>
<i>Hub height from ground level</i>	<i>90-130m</i>
<i>Rotor Diameter</i>	<i>Up to 180m</i>
<i>Surface area to be cowed (including associated infrastructure such as roads)</i>	<i>Total approximately 614,450m² comprising of: -Temporary construction laydown areas (turbine hardstand areas): 26 x 6200m²=161,200m² -Temporary site camp areas: 15,000m² and batching plant area of approximately 1, 000m² ; -Permanent upgrade of existing tracks and roads and construction of new roads covering an area of approximately 350,000m² . -Permanent laydown areas of approximately 26 x 40 x 50m=52,000m² and -Impofu North Substation approximately 150 x 75m = 11,250m² . -Temporary areas will be rehabilitated after construction</i>
<i>Width and length of intimal roads</i>	<i>Internal road network is ±37km in length, here existing roads and tracks will be used as far as possible. Permanent toads will be approximately 6m wide. Some sections of these roads would need to be temporarily widened to 12m during construction.</i>

To:

Technical details of the WEF:

Component	Description/ Dimensions
<i>Location of the Site</i>	<i>Approximately 16km north-west of Oyster Bay in the Eastern Cape Province</i>
<i>SG Codes</i>	<i>C03400000000081800000 C03400000000035800001 C34000000000035800002 C34000000000035800008 C34000000000035800013 C34000000000035800014 C34000000000035800015 C34000000000035800020 C34000000000035800021 C34000000000036100005 C34000000000067500000 C34000000000067500003 C34000000000067500005 C34000000000067600001</i>

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Site Access	The site can be reached directly via the N2 National Road and R102 Main Road as these roads transect the site.
Export capacity	Up to 182MW
Proposed Technology	Wind Turbines
Number of Turbines	Up to 19
Hub height from ground level	120m
Rotor Diameter	Up to 163m
Surface area to be cowed (including associated infrastructure such as roads)	<p>Total approximately 578,050m² comprising of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Temporary construction laydown areas (turbine hardstand areas): 19 x 6200m²=117,800m² -Temporary site camp areas: 15,000m² and batching plant area of approximately 1,000m² ; -Permanent upgrade of existing tracks and roads and construction of new roads covering an area of approximately 350,000m² . -Permanent laydown areas of approximately 19 x 40 x 50m=83,000m² and -Impofu North Substation approximately 150 x 75m = 11,250m² . -Temporary areas will be rehabilitated after construction
Width and length of intimal roads	Internal road network is ±37km in length, here existing roads and tracks will be used as far as possible. Permanent toads will be approximately 6m wide. Some sections of these roads would need to be temporarily widened to 12m during construction.

Reason for amendment:

The holder of the EA has applied to amend the project description as there has been a change to the turbine specifications. The number turbines have been reduced from 26 to 19, while maintaining the same power output, so that the EA is aligned with the description in the approved EMPr and layout (14-12-16-3-3-2-1102-MP1).

Amendment 4: Amendment to specific conditions of the EA:

Condition 35 on page 18 of the EA as amended is hereby amended:

From:

"Up to 26 wind turbines are approved"

To:

"Up to 19 wind turbines are approved"

Reason for amendment:

The holder of the EA has applied to amend the project description as there has been a change to the turbine specifications. The number turbines have been reduced from 26 to 19, while maintaining the same power output, so that the EA is aligned with the description in the approved EMPr and layout (14-12-16-3-3-2-1102-MP1).

This proposed amendment letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 25 September 2019, as amended.

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 stipulates 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 abuses or compromises your personal information in any way.

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 Regulations.

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 prescribe 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

By hand: Environment House
473 Steve Biko Road
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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.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations or request a copy of the documents at appeals@dffe.gov.za.

Yours faithfully


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