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## PER EMAIL

Dear Mr Battisti

### **AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 23 SEPTEMBER 2019, AS AMENDED FOR THE 168MW IMPOFU WEST 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 23 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 this Department on 16 January 2025, the acknowledgement letter dated 28 January 2025 and the additional information received by this Department on 07 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 Regulations, 2014 as amended, has decided to amend the EA dated 23 September 2019, as amended as follows:

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

#### **From:**

*Mr Lance Blaine  
Red Cap Impofu West (Pty) Ltd  
Unit B2  
Mainstream Centre*



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**Reason for amendment**

Red Cap Impofu West (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 07 of EA as amended is hereby amended:

**From:**

"The facility will comprise the following:

Turbines: Up to 24 turbines with a hub height from 90m 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 of turbines has been reduced from 24 to 19, while maintaining the same power output. The amendment of the EA is to ensure alignment with the description in the approved EMP and layout (14-12-16-3-3-2-1103-MP1) to the EA, as amended.

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

The technical details of the WEF table on page 07 and 08 of the EA as amended are hereby amended:

**From:**

Technical details of the WEF:

<b>Component</b>	<b>Description/ Dimensions</b>
Location of the site	Approximately 14km north-west of Oyster Bay in the Eastern Cape Province
SG Codes	C03400000000071600000 C03400000000071700001 C03400000000081800000 C03400000000067600001 C03400000000067600002 C03400000000067600003 C03400000000067800002 C03400000000067800000 C03400000000071600003 C03400000000071600004 C03400000000071600002
Site access	The site will be accessed from the DR01765, the MN50032, DR01774 and DR01764. Existing roads will be utilised and upgraded as far as possible.
Export capacity	Up to 168MW
Proposed technology	Wind turbines
Number of Turbines	Up to 24
Hub height from ground level	90m-130m
Rotor diameter	Up to 180m
Surface area to be covered (including associated infrastructure such as roads)	Total approximately 444,050m <sup>2</sup> comprising of: Temporary construction laydown areas (turbine hardstand areas): 24 x 6,200m <sup>2</sup> = 148,800m <sup>2</sup> ; 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 220,000m <sup>2</sup> ; Permanent laydown areas of approximately 24 x 50 x 40m = 48,000m <sup>2</sup> ; and Impofu West Substation approximately 150 x 75m = 11,250m <sup>2</sup> . Temporary areas will be rehabilitated after construction.
Width and length of internal roads	Internal road network is ±22km in length, here existing roads and tracks will be used as far as practicable. Permanent roads will be approximately 6m wide. Some sections of these roads would need to be temporarily widened up to 12m during construction.

**To:**Technical details of the WEF:

<b>Component</b>	<b>Description/ Dimensions</b>
Location of the site	Approximately 14km north-west of Oyster Bay in the Eastern Cape Province
SG Codes	C03400000000071600000 C03400000000071700001 C03400000000081800000 C03400000000067600001 C03400000000067600002 C03400000000067600003 C03400000000067800002 C03400000000067800000 C03400000000071600003 C03400000000071600004 C03400000000071600002
Site access	The site will be accessed from the DR01765, the MN50032, DR01774 and DR01764. Existing roads will be utilised and upgraded as far as possible.
Export capacity	Up to 168MW
Proposed technology	Wind turbines
Number of Turbines	Up to <u>19</u>
Hub height from ground level	<u>120m</u>
Rotor diameter	Up to <u>163m</u>
Surface area to be covered (including associated infrastructure such as roads)	Total approximately <u>403 050m<sup>2</sup></u> comprising of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temporary construction laydown areas (turbine hardstand areas): <u>19x6200m<sup>2</sup> = 117 800m<sup>2</sup></u>;</li> <li>• Temporary site camp areas: 15 000m<sup>2</sup> and batching plant area of approximately 1000m<sup>2</sup>;</li> <li>• Permanent upgrade of existing tracks and roads and construction of new roads covering an area of approximately 220 000m<sup>2</sup>;</li> <li>• Permanent laydown areas of approximately <u>19x50x40m = 38 000m<sup>2</sup></u>; and</li> <li>• Impofu West Substation approximately 150x75m= 11 250m<sup>2</sup>.</li> <li>• Temporary areas will be rehabilitated after construction.</li> </ul>
Width and length of internal roads	Internal road network is <u>±22km</u> in length, here existing roads and tracks will be used as far as practicable. Permanent roads will be approximately 6m wide. Some sections of these roads would need to be temporarily widened up 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 of turbines has been reduced from 24 to 19, while maintaining the same power output. The amendment of the EA is to ensure alignment with the description in the approved EMPr and layout (14-12-16-3-3-2-1103-MP1) to the EA, as amended.

### **Amendment 4: Amendment to specific conditions of the EA:**

Condition 35 on page 16 of the EA as amended is hereby amended:

#### **From:**

*“35. Up to 24 wind turbines are approved.”*

#### **To:**

*“35. 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 of turbines has been reduced from 24 to 19, while maintaining the same power output. The amendment of the EA is to ensure alignment with the description in the approved EMPr and layout (14-12-16-3-3-2-1103-MP1) to the EA, as amended.

This amendment letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 23 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@dfef.gov.za](mailto:appeals@dfef.gov.za)

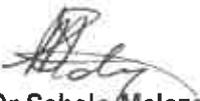
By hand: Environment House  
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Please note that in terms of Section 43(7) of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, the lodging of an appeal will suspend the environmental authorisation or any provision or condition 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@dfef.gov.za](mailto:appeals@dfef.gov.za).

Yours faithfully

  
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**Date:** *09/03/2025*

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