



## environmental affairs

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### **PER EMAIL / MAIL**

Dear Mr Jessa

### **AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 15 AUGUST 2012 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PLAN 8 INFINITE ENERGY (PTY) LTD 140 MW WIND ENERGY FACILITY NEAR COPPERTON, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the above application by this Department on 15 August 2012, your application for amendment to the EA received by this Department on 10 May 2015, the acknowledgement letter dated 28 May 2015 and the additional information received on 17 June 2015 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, has decided to amend the EA dated 15 August 2012 as follows:

#### **Amendment 1: Amendment to extend the validity period of the EA:**

The activity must commence within a period of two (02) years from the date of expiry of the EA issued on 15 August 2012 (i.e. the EA lapses on 15 August 2017). If commencement of the activity does not occur within that period, the authorisation lapses and a new application for environmental authorisation must be made in order for the activity to be undertaken.

Furthermore, a shapefile of the approved development layout/footprint must be submitted to this Department within two (2) months from the date of this letter. The shapefile must be created using the Hartebeesthoek 94 Datum and the data should be in Decimal Degree Format using the WGS 84 Spheroid. The shapefile must include at a minimum the following extensions i.e. .shp; .shx; .dbf; .prj; and, .xml (Metadata file). If specific symbology was assigned to the file, then the .avl and/or the .lyr file must also be included. Data must be mapped at a scale of 1:10 000 (please specify if an alternative scale was used). The metadata must include a description of the base data used for digitizing. The shapefile must be submitted in a zip file using the EIA application reference number as the title.

The shape file must be submitted to:

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Department of Environmental Affairs  
Private Bag X44  
Pretoria, 0001

**Physical address:**

Department of Environmental Affairs  
Environment House  
473 Steve Biko  
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For Attention: Mr Muhammad Essop  
Integrated Environmental Authorisations  
Strategic Infrastructure Developments  
Telephone Number: (012) 399 9406  
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This proposed amendment letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 15 August 2012 as amended.

In terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (the Regulations), you are instructed to notify all registered interested and affected parties, in writing and within 14 (fourteen) days of the date of the Department's decision in respect of the amendment made as well as the provisions regarding the submission of appeals that are contained in the Regulations.

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of Government Notice No. R.993, which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. Kindly include a copy of this document with the letter of notification to interested and affected parties.

An appellant must submit an 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 20 days from the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the applicant by the competent authority.

By post: Private Bag X447,  
Pretoria, 0001; or  
By hand: Environment House  
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**Appeals must be submitted in writing to:**

Mr Z Hassam, Director: Appeals and Legal Review, of this Department at the above mentioned addresses. Mr Hassam can also be contacted at:

Tel: (012) 399 9356  
Email: Appealsdirector@environment.gov.za

Please note that in terms of section 43(7) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, an appeal under section 43 of that Act 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.

For guidance on appeals submitted to the Minister in terms of NEMA and the SEMAs, please find a copy of the guideline on the administration of appeals on the Department's website:  
([https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal\\_authorisations](https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations)).

Yours faithfully



**Mr Sabelo Malaza**  
**Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**  
**Department of Environmental Affairs**

**Date:** 24/06/2015

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