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Dear Ms Thomas

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION FORM FOR THE PROPOSED EXXARO WEST COAST WIND FARM DEVELOPMENT, NORTH-WEST OF VREDENDAL, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE (12/12/20/1932)

This letter serves as an acknowledgment of receipt of the application form received by this Department on the 19th of May 2010.

Kindly quote the above-mentioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of this application.

Also note that the activity may not commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Lize McCourt
Chief Director: Environmental Impact Management
Department of Environmental Affairs
Letter signed by: Ms Portia Leshilo
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Dear Madam

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION FORM FOR THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A WIND FARM ON LAND OWNED BY EXXARO RESOURCES, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE.

The above-mentioned document dated 19 May 2010 and received by the Department on 24 May 2010 refers.

This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the aforementioned document by this Department.

Having considered the information contained in the Application form, the Department hereby confirms the following:

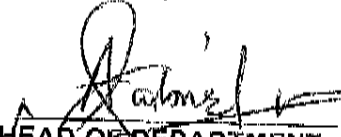
1. This Department will be a commenting authority and comment in the Environmental Impact Assessment process. Comments will be provided directly to the DEA.
2. Copies of all documents submitted to DEA must concurrently be submitted to this Department for commenting and record purposes.

You are required to quote the above-mentioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.

This Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw comments or request further information from you based on any information that might be received.

Your Interest in the future of our environment is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully


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Dear Madam

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT (DSR) FOR THE PROPOSED EXXARO WEST COAST WIND FARM, WESTERN CAPE.

The abovementioned request for comments dated 26 July 2010 and received by the Department on 27 July 2010 refer. (The Department of Environmental Affairs ("DEA") reference number: 12/12/20/1932).

This Directorate has the following comments:

1. Regional Context

The Scoping Report ("SR") mentions that the Department's Regional Methodology Guideline for Wind Energy Site Selection was considered. It is assumed that this assessment was done to provide the strategic context for the proposal and to demonstrate how the proposed site fits into a regional plan for wind energy development. The Department will comment on the appropriateness of the location for the facility following further investigation through the Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") phase.

2. Visual Impacts

The West Coast area is a popular tourist destination due to its heritage, cultural, biodiversity and scenic landscape features. The proposed mast will be visible from a number of inland settlements and homesteads (e.g. Witkoppies, Riolvleiljie, Sandkop and Brand se Baai). The height of the wind turbines (approximately 125m) may impact visually on sites of cultural and heritage interest as well as homesteads and towns in the vicinity of the proposed site. The visual impact assessment must address the visibility of the masts from the homesteads and settlements mentioned above.

3. Impacts of the masts on the landscape character of the area

When considering a site for a wind energy facility one of the criteria to take into account is how vulnerable the landscape is to change. The West Coast is renowned for its scenic landscapes. Although the proposed site is relatively flat, the construction of a wind energy facility on the proposed site may change the current landscape character.

4. Protection of the natural vegetation

The removal of natural vegetation must be limited to a minimum and masts must be located where possible, on already disturbed land. Any cement or concrete mixing must be done on an impervious surface to prevent soil contamination and to protect the vegetation in the area.

This Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw any comments or request further information based on any information that might be received.

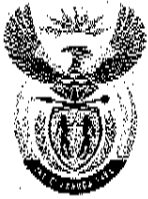
Yours faithfully



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Dear Ms Jodas

ACCEPTANCE OF FINAL SCOPING REPORT IN TERMS OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION R. 387: PROPOSED EXXARO WEST COAST WIND FARM, NORTHWEST OF VREDENDAL, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

The above document dated October 2010 and received by the Department on 12 October 2010 refers.

The Department has evaluated the submitted Final Scoping Report (FSR) dated October 2010 and is of the opinion that the FSR does not comply with the minimum requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2006. Although the content of the FSR dated October 2010 cover the majority of the information required, the Plan of Study does not contain critical information required as per section 29 (i) of the Regulations.

As a result, the FSR is hereby conditionally accepted by the Department in terms of GN R.385 (31) (1) (b) of the EIA Regulations, 2006. Your attention is drawn to the following requirements that must be addressed in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report:

- You hereby requested to assess different alternatives i.e. site, design, technology etc.
- It is important that maps included in the EIAR are of acceptable quality and as a minimum, have the following attributes:
 - Maps are relatable to one another;
 - Cardinal points are indicated;
 - Alternatives(sites) are indicated on maps
 - Locality maps of the study area are printed on A3 size sheets; and,
 - Scale of 1:50 000 is used.

The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of GN R.385 (77) with regard to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations, and GN R. 385 (58) and (59) with regard to the allowance of a comment period for interested and affected parties on all reports submitted to the competent authority for decision-making. The reports referred to are listed in GN R. 385 (58) (3a-3g).

Further, it must be reiterated that, should an application for Environmental Authorisation be subject to the provisions of Chapter II, Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999, then this Department will not be able to make nor issue a decision in terms of your application for Environmental Authorisation pending a letter from the pertinent heritage authority categorically stating that the application fulfils the requirements of the relevant heritage resources authority as described in Chapter II, Section 38 (8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999.

You are hereby reminded that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours faithfully



Ms Lize McCourt

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