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19 July 2010

Dear Stakeholder

**PROPOSED EXXARO WEST COAST WIND FARM NORTH WEST OF
VREDENDAL IN THE WESTERN CAPE
(DEA Ref No.12/12/20/1932)**

**NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS AND
INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EIA PROCESS**

Exxaro Resources is proposing to establish a commercial wind energy facility and associated infrastructure of up to 100 MW on a site located in the Matzikama Local Municipal area. The proposed wind energy facility will be known as the **Exxaro West Coast Wind Farm** and is proposed to be constructed on land owned by Namakwa Sands, north-west of Vredendal in the Western Cape Province. The wind energy facility is proposed to accommodate up to **50 turbines**, spaced to make use of the wind resource on the proposed development site. The area in which the wind turbines would be situated is an area of approximately 3817 hectares (ha). Associated infrastructure proposed includes a substation, access roads and a 132kV power line.

The study area for the establishment of the wind energy facility comprises of the following farm portions owned by Exxaro:

- » Remaining portion of the farm Rietfontein 151
- » Rietfontein extension 151, portion 1
- » Rietfontein extension 151, portion 2
- » Hartebeeste Kom 156, portion 1
- » Graauw Duinen 152, portion 1

The above farm portions are owned by Exxaro, and lie immediately north of the Namakwa Sands Mine. The site is located in the Western Cape Province near

Brand-se-Baai (on the Atlantic sea board) that is situated approximately 75 km north-west of Vredendal.

As the performance of the turbines is determined by disturbances to the wind resource, they must be appropriately spaced within the facility. The overall aim of the design and layout of the facility is to maximise electricity production through **exposure to the wind resource**, while minimising infrastructure, operation and maintenance costs, and **social and environmental impacts**.

Other infrastructure associated with the wind energy facility is proposed to include:

- » **foundations** to support the turbine towers
- » underground **cables** between turbines
- » a **substation**
- » overhead **power lines** (132 kV distribution lines) feeding into the electricity distribution network/grid
- » an **access road** to the site from the main road/s within the area
- » **internal access roads** to each wind turbine

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

In terms of the EIA Regulations published in terms of Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, No 107 of 1998), Exxaro Resources Ltd requires authorisation from the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) (in consultation with the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP)) for the undertaking of the proposed project. In terms of sections 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No 107 of 1998), as read with the EIA Regulations of GN R385 (Regulations 27–36) and R387, a Scoping and EIA are required to be undertaken for this proposed project. In order to obtain authorisation for this project, comprehensive, independent environmental studies must be undertaken in accordance with the EIA Regulations. This project has been registered with National DEA under Application Reference number 12/12/20/1932.

Exxaro Resources Ltd has appointed **Savannah Environmental**, as independent consultants, to undertake a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment to identify and assess all potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project for the area as identified, and propose appropriate mitigation measures in an Environmental Management Plan (EMP). As part of these environmental studies, I&APs will be actively involved through the public involvement process being undertaken by **Sustainable Futures**. You and/or the organisation/department which you represent have been identified as an

Interested and Affected Party (I&AP). Should you have an interest in this project, please register yourself as an I&AP and note your formal comments by sending written correspondence in this regard. All comments received will form part of the Comments and Response Report that will be included in the EIA Report which is submitted to the DEA. By submitting your details and comments to Sustainable Futures ZA, you are ensured that your comments, concerns or queries will be noted.

To obtain further information and register on the project database, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project to the contact person below.

Yours sincerely,

Shawn Johnston
Process Facilitator



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Geagte Belanghebbende

**VOORGESTELDE EXXARO WESKUS WINDPLAAS,
NOORDWES VAN VREDENDAL IN DIE WES-KAAPPROVINSIE
(DEA Verwysingsnommer 12/12/20/1932)**

**KENNISGEWING VAN 'N OMGEWINGSIMPAKEVALUERINGSPROSES
EN UITNODIGING OM AAN DIE OIE-PROSES DEEL TE NEEM**

Exxaro Resources stel voor die oprigting van 'n kommersiële windkragaanleg en gepaardgaande infrastruktuur met 'n vermoë van tot 100 MW op 'n terrein wat in die Matzikama Plaaslike Munisipale distrik geleë is. Die voorgestelde windkragaanleg sal as die **Exxaro Weskus Windplaas** bekend staan en die voorstel is dat dit opgerig moet word op grond in die besit van Namakwa Sands, noordwes van Vredendal in die Wes-Kaapprovinsie. Daar word aan die hand gedoen dat die voorgestelde windkragaanleg vir tot **50 turbines** voorsiening sal maak wat uitgelê sal word om die windhulpbron op die voorgestelde ontwikkelingssterrein te benut. Die gebied waarin die windturbines geleë sal wees, beslaan sowat 3 817 hektaar (ha). Voorgestelde gepaardgaande infrastruktuur sluit 'n substasie, toegangspaaie en 'n 132 kV kraglyn in.

Die studiegebied vir die oprigting van die windkragaanleg sluit die volgende plaasgedeeltes in, wat deur Exxaro besit word:

- » Restant van die plaas Rietfontein 151
- » Rietfontein Uitbreiding 151, Gedeelte 1
- » Rietfontein Uitbreiding 151, Gedeelte 2
- » Hartebeeste Kom 156, Gedeelte 1
- » Graauw Duinen 152, Gedeelte 1

Die bogenoemde plaasgedeeltes is in die besit van Exxaro en lê direk noord van die Namakwa Sands Myn. Die terrein is geleë in die Wes-Kaapprovinsie, naby Brandse-Baai (aan die Atlantiese kusstreek), sowat 75 km noordwes van Vredendal.

Aangesien die verrigting van die turbines deur die skommelings in die windhulpbron bepaal word, moet hierdie turbines na behore in die aanleg uitgesprei wees. Die hoofdoel agter die ontwerp en uitleg van die aanleg is om die opwekking van elektrisiteit te maksimaliseer deur **blootstelling aan die windhulpbron**, terwyl infrastruktuur, bedryfs- en onderhoudskoste sowel as **maatskaplike- en omgewingsimpakte** terselfdertyd tot die minimum beperk word.

Ander voorgestelde infrastruktuur wat met die windkragaanleg gepaardgaan, sluit die volgende in:

- » **Fondasies** om die turbinetorings te ondersteun;
- » ondergrondse **kabels** tussen turbines;
- » 'n **substasie**;
- » oorhoofse **kraglyne** (132 kV distribusielyste) wat by die distribusie-/kragnet aansluit;
- » 'n **toegangspad** na die terrein vanaf die hoofpad/-paaie in die gebied; en
- » **interne toegangspaaie** na elke windturbine.

OMGEWINGSIMPAKEVALUERINGSPROSES

Ingevolge die OIE-regulasies, gepubliseer kragtens Artikel 24(5) van die Nasionale Wet op Omgewingsbestuur (NEMA, Wet 107 van 1998), verlang Exxaro Resources Bpk. magtiging van die Nasionale Departement Omgewingsake (DEA) (in oorleg met die Wes-Kaapse Departement Omgewingsake en Ontwikkelingsbeplanning (DEA&DP)) vir die onderneming van die voorgestelde projek. Ingevolge Artikel 24 en 24D van die Nasionale Wet op Omgewingsbestuur (Wet 107 van 1998), saamgelees met die OIE-regulasies van Staatskennisgewing R385 (Regulasie 27-36) en R387, word verlang dat 'n Bestekopname en 'n OIE vir hierdie voorgestelde projek onderneem word. Ten einde magtiging vir hierdie projek te verkry, moet omvattende, onafhanklike omgewingstudies ingevolge die OIE-regulasies onderneem word. Hierdie projek is by die Nasionale DEA geregistreer onder Aansoekverwysingsnommer 12/12/20/1932.

Exxaro Resources Bpk. het **Savannah Environmental** aangestel as onafhanklike konsultante om 'n Bestekopname- en Omgewingsimpakevaluering te onderneem ten einde alle gepaardgaande potensiële omgewingsimpakte betreffende die voorgestelde projek vir die geïdentifiseerde gebied te identifiseer en te evalueer, en om gepaste versagende maatreëls in 'n Omgewingsbestuursplan (EMP) voor

te stel. As deel van hierdie omgewingstudies, sal B&GP's aktief betrokke raak deur die openbare deelnameproses wat deur **Sustainable Futures** onderneem word. U en/of die instansie/departement wat u verteenwoordig, is geïdentifiseer as 'n Belangstellende en Geaffekteerde Party (B&GP). Sou u 'n belang in hierdie projek hê, vra ons dat u uself asseblief as 'n B&GP registreer en u formele kommentaar lewer deur 'n skrywe in hierdie verband aan ons te rig. Alle kommentaar wat ontvang word sal deel vorm van die Kommentaar- en Antwoordverslag wat by die OIE-verslag ingesluit sal word wat by die DEA ingedien sal word. Deur u besonderhede en kommentaar by Sustainable Futures ZA in te dien, verseker u dat kennis geneem sal word van u kommentaar, knelpunte of navrae.

Ten einde nog inligting te bekom en om op die projek se databasis te registreer, verstrek asseblief u naam, kontakbesonderhede en belang by die projek aan die kontakpersoon hieronder.

Die uwe,

Shawn Johnston
Prosesfasiliteerder

From the desk of Alicia Govender
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26 July 2010

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**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS: SCOPING PHASE
PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF EXXARO WEST COAST WIND FARM,
WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE
DEA Reference No. 12/12/20/1932**

To Whom It May Concern:

Exxaro Resources Ltd is proposing the establishment of a commercial wind electricity generating facility and associated infrastructure located approximately 75 km north-west of Vredendal in the Western Cape.

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In terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations published in terms of Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, Act No. 107 of 1998), Exxaro requires authorisation from the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) (in consultation with the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEADP)) for the undertaking of the proposed project. In order to obtain authorisation for this project, comprehensive, independent environmental studies must be undertaken in accordance with the EIA Regulations. Furthermore, the NEMA Amendment Act requires a **40-day review period** be allowed for commenting authorities / **organs of state** to submit their comments to DEA.

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COMPANY REGISTRATION NO.: 2006/000127/07
VAT REGISTRATION NO.: 4780226736

This project has been registered with National DEA under application reference number **12/12/20/1932**. In this regard, Savannah Environmental has been appointed as the independent consultant to undertake the required EIA and public participation for the proposed project.

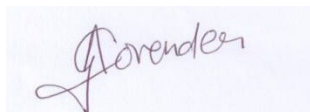
Please find attached a copy of the Draft Scoping Report for the proposed project as well as a copy of the project Background Information Document (BID) and reply form. As an Organ of State/Key Stakeholder, you are invited to participate in this process and register on the project database (by filing out and returning the reply form to Savannah Environmental).

Please can you provide the name and contact details of the relevant contact person at your department who we would liaise with regarding this project. By registering on the project database, you would receive all relevant information regarding the project and would be provided with an opportunity to provide comment and input into the EIA process.

The draft scoping report has been made available for public review from the **26 July 2010**. As an organ of state you have 40 days to comment on the attached Draft Scoping Report. Comments should be sent directly to the National Department of Environment Affairs (DEA) (via fax on 012 320 7539), for attention: Ms Portia Leshilo- please quote the DEA reference number 12/12/20/1932) and copy Savannah Environmental on this correspondence (Fax: 086 684 0547).

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information regarding the proposed project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Alicia Govender". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a light blue rectangular background.

Alicia Govender

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Attachments: Exxaro_wef locality map.jpg; ATT00324.htm; Stakeholder Letter Exxaro WEF (Afrikaans).doc; ATT00327.htm; Reply form - Exxaro WEF.jpg; ATT00330.htm

Geagte Belangstellende en Geaffekteerde Party,

Wind aangeleg die agtergronds dokumente vir die voorgestelde Exxaro Weskus Windplaas se omgewingsimpak-evalueringsproses. Ingesluit sal is die volgende dokumente:

1. 'n Brief wat die proses verduidelik;
2. 'n Agtergrondsinligtingdokument oor die projek;
3. 'n Kaart van die area; en,
4. Terugvoel vorm vir u kommentaar.

Hierdie dokumente is ook in Engels beskikbaar as u dit verlang.

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VERGADERING DEEL TE NEEM**

U word hiermee uitgenooi na die Exxaro Weskus Windplaas Publieke Vergadering:

Datum: Woensdag, 22 September 2010

Tyd: 15:00 -16:30

Plek: Landplaas Boere Unie Saal te Landplaas noord van Koekenaap.

Die uwe,
Shawn Johnston
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**INVITATION TO REVIEW THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
ASSESSMENT (EIA) REPORT**

Exxaro Resources Ltd is proposing to establish the Exxaro West Coast Wind Farm in the Western Cape Province. An EIA process has been undertaken for the proposed project. The project has been registered with the National DEA under Application Reference Number 12/12/20/1932.

INVITATION TO REVIEW THE DRAFT EIA REPORT

A Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been prepared by Savannah Environmental and is now available for public review. You are invited to review the report at one of the following locations:

- » Farm Enkelvlei (Chairperson, Boeta Gideon Smit)
- » The Lutzville Library
- » The Vredendal Library
- » www.savannahSA.com

The period for review is **30 November 2010 to 17 January 2011**. Please submit written comment to Sustainable Futures ZA no later than 17 January 2011. Comments can be made as written submission via fax, post or e-mail.

Please submit your comments to

Shawn Johnston of Sustainable Futures ZA

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The due date for comments on the Draft EIA Report is **17 January 2011**

All comments received will be included in the Final EIA Report, which will be submitted to the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for review and comment.

Yours sincerely,

Shawn Johnston
Process Facilitator

To view project documentation, visit www.savannahsa.com



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The due date for comments on the Draft EIA Report is **17 January 2011**

All comments received will be included in the Final EIA Report, which will be submitted to the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for review and comment.

Yours sincerely,

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