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### **PER FACSIMILE / MAIL**

Dear Karen

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION FORM FOR SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS: PROPOSED WIND ENERGY FACILITY ON A SITE NEAR HUMANSDORP IN THE EASTERN CAPE - (DEEP RIVER WIND ENERGY FACILITY)**

The Department confirms having received the application submitted by you on 31 March 2010 for environmental authorisation of the abovementioned project. You may proceed with the scoping process required in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2006.

The application has been assigned the reference number **12/12/20/1863**. Kindly quote this reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.

The applicant must ensure that all requirements of Chapter II, Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999, are complied with in this scoping process and that the comments and/ or recommendations of the relevant heritage resources authority responsible for the area in which the development is proposed, are considered.

In addition, please ensure that the pertinent provincial authority is provided with a commenting opportunity on the proposed development.

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

**CHIEF DIRECTOR: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT MANAGEMENT**

Department of Environmental Affairs

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### **PER FACSIMILE / MAIL**

Dear Ms Jodas

### **APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION: ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT IN TERMS OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION R. 387 FOR THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A WIND ENERGY FACILITY ON A SITE NEAR HUMANSDORP, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE**

The final scoping report (FSR) and plan of study for the environmental impact assessment dated August 2010 and received by the Department on 26 August 2010 refers.

The Department has evaluated the submitted FSR dated August 2010 and is satisfied that the FSR complies with the minimum requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2006. The FSR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of GN R.385 (31) (1) (a) of the EIA Regulations, 2006.

You may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the plan of study for environmental impact assessment as required in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2006.

Please ensure that comments from all relevant authorities are submitted to the Department with the Final Environmental Impact Report. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the Final EIR.

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).

Please ensure that the Final EIR includes at least one A3 regional map of the area and the locality maps included in the Final EIR illustrate the different alternative sites proposed for the wind energy facility. The maps must be of acceptable quality and as a minimum, have the following attributes:

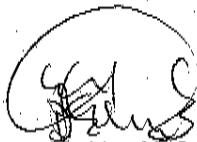
- Maps are relatable to one another;
- Cardinal points;
- Co-ordinates;
- Legible legends;
- Indicate alternatives;
- Latest land cover;
- Vegetation types of the study area; and
- A3 size locality map.

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.

Please submit at least one electronic copy (CD/DVD) of the complete final report with the hard copy documents.

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Yours faithfully



Ms Lize McCourt

**CHIEF DIRECTOR: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT MANAGEMENT**

Department of Environmental Affairs

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