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Subject: RE: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2465 & 14/12/16/3/3/1/2464: BEAUFORT WEST WIND FARM SUBSTATION & ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS - Notification of issuing of EAs & Appeal Process
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To whom it may concern,

The Environmental Authorisations (EAs) for the substation, powerline and associated infrastructure projects (with DFFE reference numbers 14/12/16/3/3/1/2465 & 14/12/16/3/3/1/2464) which will be added to the authorised Beaufort West Wind Farm and Trakas Wind Farm refer (see emails below).

This email serves as notification of the Applicant's intention to submit Part 2 Amendment Applications, according to Regulation 31 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), to amend the EAs for the above-mentioned projects, which were granted by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) on **17 May 2022 (issued under reference numbers: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2465 & 14/12/16/3/3/1/2464 and dated 17 May 2022 respectively)**.

Please refer to the attached notification letter for more information regarding the proposed amendments to the EAs.

Please do not hesitate to contact SLR should you have any queries.

Kind regards,

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Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2465 & 14/12/16/3/3/1/2464: BEAUFORT WEST WIND FARM SUBSTATION & ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS - Notification of issuing of EAs & Appeal Process

Importance: High

Dear Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP) / Stakeholder,

The Applications for Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the substation, powerline and associated infrastructure projects (with DFFE reference numbers 14/12/16/3/3/1/2465 & 14/12/16/3/3/1/2464) which will be added to the authorised Beaufort West Wind Farm and Trakas Wind Farm (see emails below) refer.

This email serves as confirmation that the EAs for the above-mentioned projects were granted by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) on **17 May 2022 (issued under reference numbers: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2465 & 14/12/16/3/3/1/2464 and dated 17 May 2022 respectively)**, in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (Government Notice No. R982 of 4 December 2014) (as amended).

Please refer to the attached notification letter for more information regarding the EAs which were issued as well as the National Appeal Regulations 2014 (as amended).

Please do not hesitate to contact SLR should you have any queries.

Kind regards,

Geagte Belangstellende en/of Geaffekteerde Party (B&GP)/Belanghebber

Die Aansoeke vir Omgewingsmagtigings (OM) vir die substasie, kraglyn en Geassosieerde infrastruktuurprojekte (met DFFE-verwysingsnommers 14/12/16/3/3/1/2465 & 14/12/16/3/3/1/2464) wat by die gemagtigde Beaufort-Wes-windplaas en Trakas Windplaas gevoeg sal word (sien e-posse hieronder) verwys.

Hierdie e-pos dien as bevestiging dat die die OM's vir bogenoemde projekte op **17 Mei 2022** deur die Departement van Bosbou, Visserye en die Omgewing (DBVO) toegestaan is (**uitgereik onder verwysingsnommers: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2465 & 14/12/16/3/3/1/2464 en gedateer 17 Mei 2022 onderskeidelik**), ingevolge die Nasionale Omgewingsbestuurswet (Wet No. 107 van 1998) (NEMA) en die Omgewingsimpakstudie (OIE) Regulasies, 2014 (Staatskennisgewing Nr. R982 van 4 Desember 2014) (soos gewysig).

Verwys asseblief na die aangehegte kennisgewingsbrief vir meer inligting oor die OM's wat uitgereik is, asook die Nasionale Appèlregulasies 2014 (soos gewysig).

Moet asseblief nie huiwer om SLR te kontak indien u enige navrae het nie.

Vriendelike groete,

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From: Stephan Jacobs

Sent: Wednesday, 23 March 2022 07:58

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Subject: RE: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2465 & 14/12/16/3/3/1/2464 - BEAUFORT WEST WIND FARM SUBSTATION & ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS - Submission of Final BA Reports to DFFE for decision-making

Importance: High

Dear Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP) / Stakeholder,

The notifications contained in the emails below for the substation, powerline and associated infrastructure projects (with DFFE reference numbers [14/12/16/3/3/1/2465](#) & [14/12/16/3/3/1/2464](#)) which will be added to the authorised Beaufort West Wind Farm and Trakas Wind Farm refer.

This email serves as confirmation that the Final Basic Assessment Reports (BARs) for the above-mentioned proposed projects have been submitted to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) for decision-making.

The Draft BARs were made available for review and comment period for a period of 30-days, from 01 December 2021 to 24 January 2022 (excluding public holidays and the DFFE's mandatory December exclusion period of 15 December to 05 January), to provide registered I&APs and key stakeholders with an opportunity to comment on any aspect of the proposed projects as well as the findings of the respective BA processes. Following the completion of the 30-day review and comment period, the BARs have been updated, taking the comments received into consideration (where required), and the Final BARs were subsequently submitted to the DFFE for decision-making on 18 March 2022.

Once a decision regarding the respective Applications for Environmental Authorisation (EA) have been issued by the DFFE (i.e., once DFFE have confirmed whether EAs have been issued or refused), these decisions will be communicated to all registered I&APs and key stakeholders.

SLR also kindly request that you pass this notification / information on to anyone who you believe might also have an interest in the proposed projects.

Please feel free to contact SLR should you have any queries or should you wish to discuss anything.

SLR would like to thank you for your participation in the BA and public participation processes. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards,

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Geagte Belangstellende en/of Geaffekteerde Party (B&GP)/Belanghebber

Die kennisgewings wat vervat is in die e-posse hieronder vir die substasie, kraglyn en geassosieerde infrastruktuurprojekte (met DBVO -verwysingsnommers [14/12/16/3/3/1/2465](#) & [14/12/16/3/3/1/2464](#)), wat by die gemagtigde Beaufort-Wes-windplaas en Trakas-windplaas gevoeg sal word, verwys.

Hierdie e-pos dien as bevestiging dat die Finale Basiese Evalueringsverslae (BEVs) vir die bogenoemde beoogde projekte by die Departement van Bosbou, Visserye en die Omgewing (DBVO) ingedien is vir besluitneming.

Die Konsep BEVs is vir 'n tydperk van 30 dae, vanaf 01 Desember 2021 tot 24 Januarie 2022 (openbare vakansiedae en die DBVO se verpligte Desember-uitsluitingstydperk van 15 Desember tot 05 Januarie uitgesluit), beskikbaar gemaak vir insae en kommentaar om geregistreerde B&GP's en sleutelbelanghebbers die geleentheid te bied om kommentaar te lewer op enige aspek van die beoogde projekte, asook op die bevindinge van die onderskeie BE-prosesse. Die BEVs is na afloop van die 30-dae insae- en kommentaartydperk bygewerk, met inagneming van die kommentaar wat ontvang is (waar nodig), waarna die Finale BEVs op 18 Maart 2022 by die DBVO ingedien is vir besluitneming.

Sodra 'n besluit met betrekking tot die onderskeie Aansoeke om Omgewingsmagtiging (OM) deur die DBVO uitgereik is (d.w.s. sodra die DBVO bevestig het of OMs uitgereik of geweier is), sal hierdie besluite aan alle geregistreerde B&GP's en sleutelbelanghebbers oorgedra word.

SLR versoek ook vriendelik dat u hierdie kennisgewing/inligting vir enigiemand aanstuur wat u glo ook 'n belang by die beoogde projekte het.

As u enige navrae het of as u enigiets wil bespreek, kan u gerus met SLR in verbinding tree.

SLR dank u vir u deelname aan die BE- en openbare deelnameprosesse. U bydrae word hoog op prys gestel.

Vriendelike groete,

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Subject: RE: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2465 & 14/12/16/3/3/1/2464 - BEAUFORT WEST WIND FARM SUBSTATION & ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS - Reminder about review & comment period for Draft BA Reports

Dear Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP) / Stakeholder,

Happy new year and best wishes for 2022.

The notifications for the substation, powerline and associated infrastructure projects (with DFFE reference numbers 14/12/16/3/3/1/2465 & 14/12/16/3/3/1/2464) which will be added to the authorised Beaufort West Wind Farm and Trakas Wind Farm contained in the emails below refer.

Please note that this is a courtesy reminder that the review and comment period for the Draft BA Reports for the proposed projects ends on **24 January 2022 (end of business day)**. Comments (if any) should be forwarded to the SLR using the details provided in the email below. For comments to be included in the Final BA Reports, comments should reach SLR no later than **24 January 2022 (close of business)**.

Should no comment be received within the 30-day review and commenting period ending 24 January 2022 (end of business day), it will be assumed that the relevant I&AP / stakeholder or State Department has no further comment to provide on the respective applications. **SLR also kindly request that you pass this notification / information on to anyone who you believe might also have an interest in the proposed projects and who might wish to register or require further information.**

Please also feel free to contact SLR should you have any queries or should you wish to discuss anything.

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Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2465 & 14/12/16/3/3/1/2464 - PROPOSED BEAUFORT WEST WIND FARM SUBSTATION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS - Availability of Draft BA Reports

Dear Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP) / Stakeholder,

The notification for the substation, powerline and associated infrastructure projects (with DFFE reference numbers [14/12/16/3/3/1/2465](#) & [14/12/16/3/3/1/2464](#)) which will be added to the authorised Beaufort West Wind Farm and Trakas Wind Farm contained in the email below refers.

Please be advised that due to unforeseen technical issues, there has been a slight change to the link to the data free website where copies of the Draft BA reports for the below-mentioned projects can be downloaded without any data charges using internet-capable mobile phones. **The link to the data free website is as follows:**

<https://slrpublicdocs.datafree.co/en/public-documents/BWest-sub-ba>

SLR would like to apologise for any inconvenience this might have caused.

Please note that the Draft BA Reports (including appendices) for the below-mentioned projects are also still available on the SLR website, at the following link: <https://www.slrconsulting.com/public-documents/BWest-sub-ba>

In addition, a full copy of each Draft BA Report and appendices (in the form of digital tablets) for the below-mentioned projects are also still available at the venues provided in the email below.

We trust you will find everything is in order. Please feel free to contact SLR should there be any issues.

Kind Regards,

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Subject: NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR EA AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR PROPOSED BEAUFORT WEST WIND FARM SUBSTATION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS - Availability of Draft BA Report

To whom it may concern,

This correspondence serves to inform you of the commencement of the public participation process for the proposed substation, powerline and associated infrastructure projects which will be added to the authorised Beaufort West (12-12-20-1784-1-AM2) and Trakas Wind Farm (12-12-20-1784-2-AM2) projects, as well as to provide you with information regarding the availability of the Draft Basic Assessment (BA) Reports for the projects which have been prepared for review and comment, in accordance with the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended).

The proposed projects trigger activities in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014 Listing Notices 1 and 3 (GN R. 983 & 985, as amended), as gazetted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA). As such, the proposed projects require their own separate respective Environmental Authorisation (EAs) from the National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), which are subject to separate respective BA processes. Two (2) applications for EA have thus been lodged for two (2) separate projects. Separate BA processes are being undertaken for each respective application / project, while a combined Public Participation Process, which is in line with Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2104 (as amended), is also being undertaken.

SLR Consulting (South Africa) Pty Ltd (SLR) has been appointed by South Africa Mainstream Renewable Power Developments (Pty) Ltd, as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), to undertake the required BA processes and manage the Public Participation Process for the proposed projects.

Notice is hereby given of the commencement of the public participation process for the proposed projects. The Draft BA Report for each respective project is available for review and comment for a period of 30 days, **from 01 December 2021 to 24 January 2022 (excluding public holidays and DFFE's December shutdown period from 25 December 2021 to 05 January 2022)**. This will provide Interested and/or Affected Parties (I&APs) / stakeholders / Organs of State (OoS) with an opportunity to comment on any aspect of the proposed projects and the findings of the BA processes to date. A copy of the respective BA Reports (including appendices) has been made available on the SLR website (at <https://www.slrconsulting.com/public-documents/BWest-sub-ba>). The report can also be downloaded without any data charges using internet-capable mobile phones from the corresponding data free website (<https://slrpublicdocs.datafree.co/public-documents/BWest-sub-ba>). A full copy of each report and appendices (in the form of digital tablets) has also been provided at the following locations:

Name of Location	Contact Details	Address
Beaufort West Public Library & Local Municipality Offices	083 408 3781 (Librarian)	112 Donkin Street, Beaufort West, 6925 Open Monday – Friday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Central Karoo District Municipality Offices	081 587 9376 (Rene van Tonder)	63 Donkin Street, Beaufort West, 6925 Open Monday – Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

As an I&AP / stakeholder or OoS, or representative of an I&AP / stakeholder or OoS, identified in in terms of Regulation 40(2)(a) - (d) of the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended), you are invited to submit any initial written comments to SLR on the proposed projects. Comments should be forwarded to the SLR at the address, telephone or email address shown below. For comments to be included in the Final BA Report (BAR), comments should reach SLR no later than **24 January 2022**.

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If you or your organisation would like to raise any initial issues or concerns on any of the proposed projects, have any queries or require additional information, please contact or forward them to **Mr Stephan Jacobs** (using the details provided above) by no later than **24 January 2022**. Should no comment be received within the 30-day review and commenting period ending 24 January 2022 (end of business day), it will be assumed that the relevant I&AP / stakeholder or State Department has no further comment to provide on the respective applications. **SLR also kindly request that you pass this notification / information on to anyone who you believe might also have an interest in the proposed projects and who might wish to register or require further information.**

Consent to Processing Personal Information:

All personal information submitted to SLR will be used to contact you regarding this and/or other Social and Environmental Impact / BA processes, in accordance with Protection of Personal Information (POPI) Act (Act No. 4 of 2013). By providing your Personal Information to be registered as an I&AP for this Project, you consent to SLR keeping and using your Personal Information as part of a contact database for this and other Social and Environmental Impact / BA Projects and processes; contacting you about these projects; disclosing it to other authorized parties for lawful purposes (including transferring to other countries); and processing it for lawful purposes (fulfilling contractual, legal and public policy obligations, and protecting legitimate interests SLR and other authorized parties).

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Should you have any queries in this regard or should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,



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Sent: Friday, 19 November 2021 15:48

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Subject: NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (EA) AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF BEAUFORT WEST WIND FARM SUBSTATION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, NEAR BEAUFORT WEST

Dear Stakeholder / Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP),

The attached correspondence provides information regarding the Basic Assessment (BA) and Public Participation processes for the proposed substations, (1) Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), 132kV powerline, laydown area and Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Building associated with the authorised Beaufort West (12-12-20-1784-1-AM2) and Trakas Wind Farm (12-12-20-1784-2-AM2) projects near the town of Beaufort West, in accordance with the 2014 EIA Regulations (as amended).

Two (2) applications for Environmental Authorisation (EA) will be lodged for two (2) separate projects (i.e., separate BA processes). One (1) application will be lodged for a 33/132kV yard of the substation, BESS, laydown area and O&M Building, while another application will be lodged for a 132kV switching station yard of the substation and associated 132kV powerline (more details provided in attached notification letter).

The site for the proposed projects is located approximately 60km south of the town of Beaufort West, within the Prince Albert Local Municipality in the Central Karoo District Municipality of the Western Cape Province, and will be located within the site for the authorised Beaufort West and Trakas Wind Farm projects.

SLR hereby wish to notify you about the proposed projects and invite you to submit any initial written comments to SLR on the proposed projects through the details provided in the attached letter. **SLR also kindly request that you pass this notification / information on to anyone who you believe might also have an interest in the proposed projects and who might wish to register or require further information.**

Please also feel free to contact SLR using the details provided should you have any queries or should you wish to request any project related information.

Kind Regards,

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Geagte Belanghebber,

Die aangehegte korrespondensie verskaf inligting oor die Basiese Evaluering (BE) en Openbare Deelname prosesse vir die voorgestelde substasies, batterykragbergingsstelsel (BESS), 132kV kraglyn, stapelwerfgebied en bedryfs- & instandhoudingsgebou (B&I-gebou) wat verband hou met die gemagtigde Beaufort-Wes (12-12-20-1784-1-AM2) en Trakas (12-12-20-1784-2-AM2) wind plaas projekte naby die dorp Beaufort-Wes, in ooreenstemming met die 2014 EIA Regulasies (soos gewysig).

Twee (2) aansoeke vir Omgewingsmagtigings (OM) sal ingedien word vir twee (2) afsonderlike projekte (dws afsonderlike BE-prosesse). Een (1) aansoek sal ingedien word vir die 33/132kV-werf van die interne substasie, BESS, stapelwerfgebied en B&I-gebou, terwyl 'n ander aansoek ingedien sal word vir die 132kV-werf van die interne skakel substasie en geassosieerde 132kV kraglyn (meer inligting in aangehegte kennisgewingbrief verskaf).

Die voorgestelde projekte is ongeveer 60km suid van die dorp Beaufort-Wes, binne die Prins Albert Plaaslike Munisipaliteit in die Sentraal-Karoo Distriksmunisipaliteit van die Wes-Kaap Provinsie, en sal binne die gemagtigde Beaufort-Wes- en Trakas Windplaasprojekte geleë wees.

SLR wil u hiermee in kennis stel van die voorgestelde projekte en u nooi om enige aanvanklike skriftelike kommentaar oor die voorgestelde projekte aan SLR in te dien, deur die besonderhede wat in die aangehegte brief to gebruik. **SLR versoek ook vriendelik dat jy hierdie kennisgewing / inligting oordra aan enigiemand wat jy glo ook 'n belangstelling in die voorgestelde projekte kan hê en wat dalk wil registreer of verdere inligting benodig.**

Kontak asseblief ook SLR met behulp van die besonderhede wat verskaf word indien u enige navrae het of indien u enige projekverwante inligting wil aanvra.

Vriendelike groete,