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Dear Stakeholder, Landowner, Surrounding Landowner or Interested and/or Affected Party

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT: PROPOSED ALBANY WIND ENERGY FACILITY NEAR GRAHAMSTOWN, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE.

Notice is hereby given in terms of Regulation 41 (2) published in Government Notice No. 982 under Chapter 6 of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, Act No. 107 of 1998 and subsequent amendments) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (2014, and subsequent 2017 amendments) of the submission of an application to the national Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for Environmental Authorisation (EA).

Albany Wind Power (Pty) Ltd, plans to develop, construct and operate a Wind Energy Facility (WEF) approximately ten kilometres (10 km) east of Grahamstown in the Eastern Cape Province. The proposed Albany WEF will consist of up to sixty-six (66) wind turbines with an output capacity of between 2 MW and 4.5 MW per turbine. The total output of the proposed Albany WEF will be up to 297 MW. This will be achieved by having up to 66 turbines with a maximum output capacity of 4.5 MW per turbine. In addition to the turbines, the facility will include roads, underground and/or overhead electrical cabling linking turbines, an on-site switching station with potential battery storage capacity and small control room, and an overhead grid connection powerline (22 kV) to the existing Eskom electrical grid.

EOH Coastal & Environmental Services (EOH CES) has been appointed to undertake the EIA process on behalf of the proponent. The proposed Albany WEF triggers a Scoping and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in terms of the NEMA (Act No. 107 of 1998 and subsequent amendments) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (2014 and subsequent 2017 amendments) due to the following Listing Notice 2 activities: GN R. 984 (*Full Scoping & EIR*) Activity 1, Activity 9, Activity 15 and Activity 21. In addition, the proposed WEF triggers Listing Notice 1 (GN R. 983) and Listing Notice 3 (GN R. 985) activities.

Please note the following:

- ✂ The full list of NEMA (Act No. 107 of 1998 and subsequent amendments) EIA Regulations (2014, and subsequent 2017 amendments) activities triggered by the proposed Albany WEF will be available in the Background Information Document (BID);
- ✂ The application for EA will be submitted to the national Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) as the competent authority; and
- ✂ EOH CES would greatly appreciate it if you would confirm receipt of this notification via email, fax or post.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any additional information relating to the EIA Process for the proposed Albany WEF.

Yours sincerely

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