

Caledon Wind

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COMMENT AND RESPONSE REPORT ON THE MICRO-SITED LAYOUT

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COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT (CRR) – CALEDON WIND FARM, NEAR CALEDON, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE.

COMMENTS RECEIVED ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO THE DEA: 05 NOVEMBER 2012 TO 05 DECEMBER 2012

This Comments and Response Report (CRR) as per the tables below consolidate all input received during the public review of the additional information that was submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs, including comments received on the inclusion of a new listed activity. The CRR intends to summarise the comments received through filtering out and flagging the issues and concerns raised by Interested and Affect Parties (I&As).

Proof of notification of I&As is attached in **Appendix A**. Refer to **Appendix B** for a complete record of all the comments received during this review period and Refer to **Appendix C** for long submission responses.

No.	Name, Organisation	Source Reference (Source Date)	Comment	Response
1	Brian McMahon	Email brianmcmahon@mweb.co.za 13/11/2012	<p>Brian McMahon indicated that although the letter of 31 October 2012 from GIBB's Environmental Manager, Sukie Paras, apparently only invites comment from I&As on the inclusion of NEMA 2006) listed activity 1m, GIBB must please confirm that they will actually accept all comment on material relating to the considerable volume of communication between DEA, DEA&DP, Cape Nature, Dept. of Agriculture and Heritage Western Cape since April this year when the FEIR was commented on. He states that it presumably follows that any such comments will be considered prior to any decision by DEA, but please confirm this.</p> <p>Brian McMahon requested information on where the location is on the GIBB website for the DEA communication of 18 July 2012, referred to in his letter dated 31 October, and for the response from Cape Nature agreeing all the changes.</p> <p>According to Brian McMahon it appears that there is no comment from Theewaterskloof (TWK) municipality recorded in any CRR, although various TWK documents are referred to in the EIA. He therefore requests clarity on whether GIBB has any record of any such comment?</p> <p>A letter from Brian McMahon dated 31 October 2012 refers to the submission of Map P9089 of the site layout to DEA on 14 August, specifically revision 10, which relates to 37 turbines. The Agri Background Report (2) refers to meetings with the Western Cape Department of Agriculture on 9 and 20 August which resulted in some turbines being removed and some repositioned - the final total is said to be 37 turbines. He therefore requests clarity from GIBB regarding the relevance now of the Map P9089 dated 26 June 2012, revision 13, which shows 31 turbines. He wants to know which map is correct?</p>	<p>Response submitted to Mr McMahon on 22/11/2012:</p> <p>All comments received will be submitted to the DEA in a Comment and Response Report for their consideration.</p> <p>The DEA communication of 18 July 2012 was an instruction to GIBB to address the concerns raised by Cape Nature and the Western Cape Department of Agriculture.</p> <p>The Cape Nature document is available on the website. Our IT department has just rectified a technical error that was preventing other parties from viewing and downloading the document (see attached for your convenience). It should be noted that the turbines that were located on sensitive areas were removed as per Cape Nature's comments in layouts 9 and 10. The subsequent revisions relate to the alignments of the internal roads and micro-siting of the remaining turbines (that are not on sensitive land) based on the Western Cape Department of Agriculture's Comments.</p> <p>An Environmental Assessment Practitioner refers to a number of authority related documents as part of any EIA process, therefore the reference to municipal documents. However, while we submitted the report to the municipality, comments from them were not received.</p> <p>The dates reflected on the maps are superseded by their revision number, and therefore revision 13 is the latest and correct layout. This layout still incorporates the changes that Cape Nature requested with revision 10 and addresses the Western Cape Department of Agriculture's comments regarding the internal access roads and some micro-siting.</p>

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			Brian McMahon questioned whether the environmental Authorisation is now only dependent on the DEA satisfaction with the new current information, or will the DEA re-examine all the impacts in the light of the new information? He asks this because of the request in Gibb's letter of 14 August to DEA, that Authorisation could be confirmed by return of post in time for the IPP Round 3 procurement programme.	The DEA to date has not indicated whether a positive or negative environmental authorisation will be issued. The DEA will carry out their due diligence and examine all information regarding this project prior to making a decision.
2	Brian McMahon	Email brianmcmahon@mweb.co.za 04/12/2012	Brian McMahon provided additional comment in a long submission. Please refer to Appendix C for the detailed comment.	Please refer to Appendix C for a detailed response.
3	Frans Theron	Email rooiheuwelnoord@twk.co.za 23/11/2012	Frans Theron, an Interested and Affected Party to the Caledonwind Wind Farm Development and owner of farm portion RE/791 (Rooiheuwel Noord), formally objected to the new amendments to the proposed Caledon Wind Farm development planned in the greater Bot Rivier area. His reasoning follows: He stated that it has come this attention that the Caledonwind development is planning to build a 132kV overhead power line over his farm. He has, to date, not in any way, received any applications or notices of Caledon wind's proposed power line over his farm portion. He has also not been consulted or made aware of any potential impacts that this power line could have on his farming activities or on the environment.	Based on Eskom's planning and comments post submission of the Final EIR, a 132kV power line will be required for grid connection. GIBB is not handling the proposed 132kV power line environmental application. Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd is handling this environmental process. Please contact the project manager with the details given below: Name: Karen Jodas Tel: 011 656 3237 Email: karen@savannahsa.com
4	Rhett Smart Cape Nature Scientific Services	Email rsmart@capenature.co.za 07/12/2012	Rhett Smart from Cape Nature provided comments on the Additional Information made available. His concerns related to the Stewardship Agreement and the watercourse crossings. Please refer to Appendix C for the detailed comment.	Please refer to Appendix C for a detailed response.
5	Dr Stuart Shearer	Email stuart.shearer@telkomsa.net 05/12/2012	Dr Stuart Shearer provided comment on the Additional Information made available in a long submission. Please refer to Appendix C for the detailed comment.	Please refer to Appendix C for a detailed response.