

Our Ref: J29164 – Caledon Wind Farm

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Dear Interested and Affected Party (I&AP)

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED CALEDON WIND FARM, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE: NOTIFICATION OF THE AVAILABILITY OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS (DEA), NEW MICRO – SITED LAYOUT AND INCLUSION OF A NEW LISTED ACTIVITY

Information submitted to the DEA in response to their comments dated 18 July 2012:

In response to the DEA's comments dated 18 July 2012, information was submitted to the DEA regarding various discussions with Cape Nature and the Western Cape Department of Agriculture. Based on these discussions, revision 10 of the layout map was submitted to the DEA on 14 August 2012.

Department of Agriculture approval: Amended Micro-Sited layout and new listed activity triggered:

Following discussions with the Western Cape Department of Agriculture, certain internal roads have been re-aligned from version 10 of the layout and the revised layout version 13 (v13) was approved by Western Cape Department of Agriculture. The required re-alignment resulted in the crossing of two watercourses (near Wind Turbines 66 and 68 and Wind Turbines 25 and 26). The change now triggers listed activity 1m of Government Notice No. R386 of the 2006 EIA Regulations, which states that:

The construction of facilities or infrastructure, including associated structures or infrastructure, for any purpose in the one in ten year flood line of a river or stream, or within 32 metres from the bank of a river or stream where the flood line is unknown, excluding purposes associated with existing residential use, but including -

- (i) canals;
- (ii) channels;
- (iii) bridges;
- (iv) dams; and
- (v) weirs;

Motivation for addressing the listed activity as part of the original submission:

Section 3.4.4 and chapters 8 to 16 of the Final EIA Report addressed the potential impacts on the crossing of watercourses within the EIA report. The Faunal Specialist report (pages 14 & 19) also assessed the potential impacts and has provided appropriate mitigation measures. Thus, GIBB is of the opinion that the listed activity has already been adequately assessed and will be mitigated according to the suggested measures.

The documents submitted to the DEA and the amended Micro-Sited layout (v13) is available on the GIBB website. Please make use of the link below to access the site. Should you experience any difficulties accessing the information, please contact the Public Participation Office for assistance.

<http://projects.gibb.co.za/Projects/CaledonWindDSR.aspx>

Registered I&APs are afforded a 30 day commenting period from **Monday, 05/11/2012 to Wednesday, 05/12/2012 (inclusive)** to submit any comments they may have on the inclusion of listed activity 1m.

Please submit your written comments to the Public Participation Office no later than **Wednesday, 05 December 2012**, at details provided below.

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Yours faithfully



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