

CALEDON WIND FARM EIA ISSUES AND RESPONSE REPORT

In terms of EIA Regulation 52 (1) published in Government Notice R385 of 21 April 2006, the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) is required to provide all registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with an opportunity to comment, in writing, on the Scoping Report before it is submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs. The EAP is also required to include in the Scoping Report a summary of the issues raised by Interested and Affected Parties on the Draft Scoping Report, including the date of receipt of and the response of the EAP to those issues (Regulation 29 (1) (h) (iv) of GN R385 of 21 April 2006). The following table therefore provides a summary of the issues and concerns identified by I&APs during the course of the Proposed Caledon Wind Farm EIA process to date, along with Arcus GIBB's responses to those issues. The various sources of the comments contained in this Issues and Response Report include records of comments received by fax, e-mail and mail. The issues raised by technical specialists and the project proponents are not included in the list below.

I&APs who contributed issues range across all sectors of society. A full record of every issue raised is available on request from the Arcus GIBB public participation offices. The name, affiliation (where provided) and date of the commentator are also indicated.

✉ - mail; 📧 - email; 📠 - facsimile; ☎ - telephone

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Issues and concerns raised during the EIA Notification period					
Dr. Anton Odendal. BirdLife Overberg	Request for registration. Impact on avifauna and visual impacts.	30 Nov 09	✉	Concerns: <i>Avifauna:</i> Blue Cranes, Denham Bustards, raptors and other endemics flying into rotating blades. <i>Visual impacts:</i> The pastoral landscapes of this region should be regarded as its main asset and it is our belief that this should be a critical issue in the EIA process.	The draft Scoping Report is scheduled to be made available within the next few days and all I&APs will be informed accordingly. The project documentation will be made available through a document exchange site, the details of which will also be made available to all registered I&APs. During the review period, GIBB will be holding public meetings and Focus Group Meetings where these issues will be addressed.

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Dr. Stuart Shearer Committee member of the Greyton Conservation and Greyton Historical Societies. Member of BirdLife South Africa and Overberg.	Request to be registered. Request for information, IAP list. Questions re adverts, timescales and availability of documentation. Concerns regarding visual impacts and impacts on flora, avifauna, tourism, heritage and archaeological sites.	30 Nov 09	✉	<p>Found it difficult to make out the project time-scales.</p> <p>Where was the project advertised and when?</p> <p>Will GIBB make the relevant documentation available to I&APs for viewing and will it be available for download on your website?</p> <p><u>Concerns</u></p> <p><i>Impact on avifauna:</i> Blue cranes, migrating species, raptors and bats flying into rotating blades.</p> <p><i>Impact on flora:</i> Fynbos and remnant renosterveld</p> <p><i>Impact on tourism:</i> The visual impact (see 'Overberg Tapestry' by Howard and Phillips), compounded by noise, of this extensive wind farm could be detrimental to tourism which is being promoted by TWK, Overstrand and Overberg Municipalities for local economic development. Avitourism is an important component of that strategy.</p> <p><i>Impacts on archaeological and heritage sites</i></p>	<p>1. The project was advertised on the following dates in the following newspapers and in the following languages:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>PUBLICATION</th> <th>DATE</th> <th>LANGUAGE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Caledon Kontreinuus</td> <td>19-Nov</td> <td>Afrikaans</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hermanus Times</td> <td>19-Nov</td> <td>English</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Overberg Venster</td> <td>19-Nov</td> <td>Afrikaans</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Argus</td> <td>18-Nov</td> <td>English</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Die Burger</td> <td>18-Nov</td> <td>Afrikaans</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>2. The project documentation will be made available through a document exchange site, the details of which will be made available to all I&APs</p> <p>3. A list of the I&APs identified and registered to date was sent to Dr Shearer.</p> <p>4. The BID was sent to Dr Shearer with the request that it be distributed to other I&APs – who will be registered should they wish for us to do so.</p>	PUBLICATION	DATE	LANGUAGE	Caledon Kontreinuus	19-Nov	Afrikaans	Hermanus Times	19-Nov	English	Overberg Venster	19-Nov	Afrikaans	Argus	18-Nov	English	Die Burger	18-Nov	Afrikaans
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Brian McMahon	Request for registration and BID	29 Nov 09	✉	Interest is personal, but very much centered around the tourism industry in the Overberg and in particular in Greyton.	IAP was registered and BID sent.
Karl Oettler Private Individual	Request for registration and BID so as to ensure he can provide feedback before the 25 Jan 2010 deadline	25 Nov 09	✉	Request for registration and BID so as to ensure he can provide feedback before the 25 Jan 2010 deadline	IAP was registered and BID sent
Franco Venturino Kwikspace Modular Buildings Ltd.	Provision of services. Request for registration as an IAP	19 Nov 09	✉	We would like to offer their services to provide onsite accommodation if required by the client.	IAP contact details were sent on to the relevant person.
Seth Anderson Milkwood Projects	Request for registration as an IAP. Purchase of turbine.	19 Nov 09	✉	Interested in installing a 2Mw wind turbine in Hermanus to help run commercial interests here. Would like to hear from the individuals involved in the Caledon project with a view to purchasing a turbine.	IAP contact details were sent on to the relevant person.
Johan Goosen Betafence South Africa (Pty) Ltd	Provision of services. Request for registration as an IAP	18 Nov 09	✉	Would like to offer their service to Caledon Wind with regards to setting up perimeter fencing around the site	IAP contact details were sent on to the relevant person.