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PER E-MAIL

Dear Mr Venn

AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 26 JANUARY 2023 (AS AMENDED) FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE UMBILA EMOYENI WIND ENERGY FACILITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the abovementioned application by this Department on 26 January 2023, the amendment dated 15 May 2023, your application for amendment received by the Department on 26 August 2024 and the acknowledgement letter dated 30 August 2024, refer.

Based on a review of the reason for requesting an amendment to the above EA, this Department, in terms of Chapter 5 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended, has decided to amend the EA dated 26 January 2023 (as amended), as follows:

Amendment 1: Change in the Applicant name:

From:

"Umbila Emoyeni (Pty) Ltd"

To:

"Umbila Emoyeni (RF) (Pty) Ltd"



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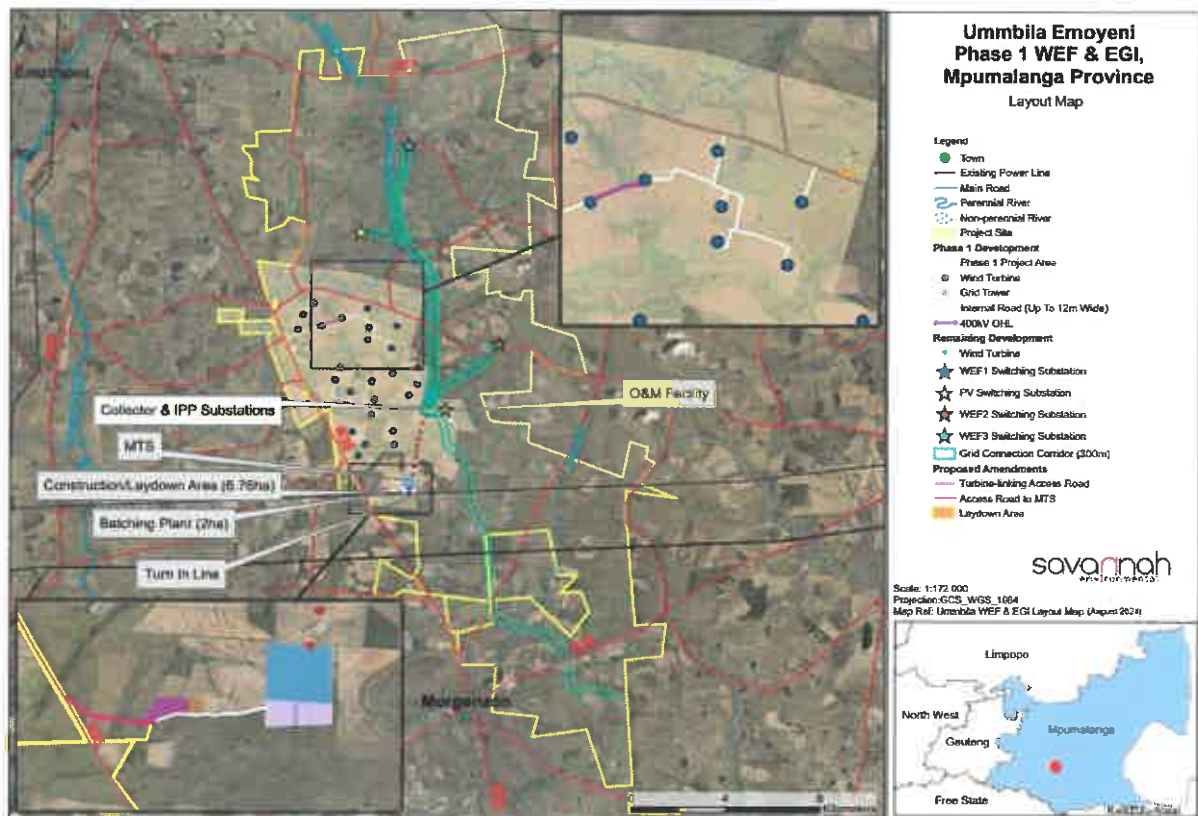
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Reason for amendment

The company name was updated to include (RF), following Financial Close and is now Ummbila Emoyeni (RF) (Pty) Ltd. The details are requested to be updated in the EA to ensure that the correct applicant name is reflected.

Amendment 2: Update to the layout plan for Phase 1 approved on 10 July 2023 (14/12/16/3/3/2/2160/MP1):

The layout plan submitted with the EMPr for Phase 1 is replaced with the layout plan below that was submitted with this amendment application received on 26 August 2024:



Reason for amendment:

SANRAL has indicated that the access point to the MTS on the R35 needs to be repositioned due to line of sight concerns. This necessitates the realignment of the access road. This realigned access road would be up to 8m in width and less than 1km in length, and crosses an agricultural field. The realigned road does not in itself trigger a listed activity and is located within the area assessed for the project.

This proposed amendment letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 26 January 2023 (as amended).

In terms of the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 2000 (Act No. 3 of 2000), you are entitled to the right to fair, lawful and reasonable administrative action; and to written reasons for administrative action that affects you negatively. Further your attention is drawn to the provisions of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act No. 4 of 2013) which stipulates that the Department should conduct itself in a responsible manner when collecting, processing, storing and sharing an individual or another entity's personal information by holding the Department accountable should the Department abuses or compromises your personal information in any way.

In terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended (the EIA Regulations), you are instructed to notify all registered interested and affected parties, in writing and within 14 (fourteen) days of the date of the decision, of the Department's decision as well as the provisions regarding the submission of appeals that are contained in the Regulations.

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) National Appeal Regulations published under Government Notice R993 in Government Gazette No. 38303 dated 08 December 2014 (National Appeal Regulations, 2014), which prescribe the appeal procedure to be followed. Kindly include a copy of this document (National Appeal Regulations, 2014) with the letter of notification to interested and affected parties in this matter.

Should any person wish to lodge an appeal against this decision, he/she must submit the appeal to the appeal administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the applicant, any registered interested and affected party, and any organ of state with interest in the matter within 20 (twenty) days from the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the registered interested and affected parties by the applicant; or the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the applicant by the Department, whichever is applicable.

Appeals must be submitted in writing in the prescribed form to:

The Director: Appeals and Legal Review of this Department at the below mentioned addresses.

By email: appeals@dfpe.gov.za

By hand: Environment House
473 Steve Biko Road
Arcadia
PRETORIA
0083 or

By post: Private Bag X447
PRETORIA
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Please note that in terms of Section 43(7) of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, the lodging of an appeal will suspend the environmental authorisation or any provision or condition attached thereto. In the instance where an appeal is lodged, you may not commence with the activity until such time that the appeal is finalised.

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To obtain the prescribed appeal form and for guidance on the submission of appeals, please visit the Department's website at https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations or request a copy of the documents at appeals@dffe.gov.za.

Yours faithfully



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Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment

Date: 15/09/2024

cc:	Ms Jo-Anne Thomas	Savannah Environmental	Email: joanne@savannahsa.com
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