

19 February 2026

Dear Stakeholder / Interested and Affected Party (I&AP),

RE: NOTIFICATION OF THE ISSUING OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATIONS AND THE APPEAL PROCEDURE FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF TWO WIND ENERGY FACILITIES (WEFs); NAMELY, GENESIS ELAND WEF (DFFE REFERENCE NUMBER: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2770) AND GENESIS WINDY PLAINS WEF (DFFE REFERENCE NUMBER: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2769) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR BEAUFORT WEST, WESTERN AND NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCES.

As communicated previously, Genesis Eco-Energy Developments (Pty) Ltd (GEED) (the Project Developer) intends to develop a Renewable Energy Cluster, consisting of the Northern, Southern and Middle Clusters, with several Wind Energy Facilities (WEFs), two Solar Energy Facilities (SEFs), and supporting Electricity Grid Infrastructure (EGI), located near Beaufort West, predominately in the Western Cape. Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) processes were completed in 2023 for the Beau Valley SEF and DBF South SEF, which forms part of the Southern Cluster, and corresponding Environmental Authorisations (EAs) were granted in December 2023. Scoping and EIA processes were also completed in November 2025 for the Eland WEF and Windy Plains WEF, which forms part of the Northern Cluster. The remaining projects within the Middle and Southern Cluster and associated EGI are in the pre-application phase.

An integrated Public Participation Process (PPP) was undertaken for the Eland and Windy Plains WEFs. The Draft Scoping Reports for the proposed projects were made available to all Interested and/or Affected Parties (I&APs), Organs of State and relevant stakeholders for a 30-day comment period in September 2023. The Final Scoping Reports were submitted to the National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) for consideration in October 2023 and were accepted on 27 November 2023. In line with Regulation 21 (2) of the 2014 National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998, as amended) (NEMA) EIA Regulations (as amended), the Draft EIA Reports were then made available to all I&APs, Organs of State and relevant stakeholders for a 30-day comment period, which extended from 15 October 2025 to 14 November 2025. The Final EIA Reports were then compiled, taking into consideration the comments raised during the 30-day comment period on the Draft EIA Reports. Comments and issues raised as part of the review period on the Draft EIA Reports were captured and responded to in the detailed Comments and Responses Reports (CRRs) and addressed, where relevant and applicable, in the Final EIA Reports. In line with Regulation 23 (1) (a) of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended), the Final EIA Reports for the proposed projects were submitted to the DFFE for decision-making on 26 November 2025. The DFFE acknowledged receipt of the Final EIA Reports via email on 27 November 2025.

As a registered I&AP on the projects, in terms of Regulation 4 (2) of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended), you are hereby notified that the DFFE has granted 2 x EAs for the proposed projects. Table 1 below captures the dates of the EAs issued and corresponding DFFE Reference Numbers.

Table 1: List of the proposed projects, DFFE Reference Numbers and dates that the EAs were issued

Project	DFFE Reference Number	Date of the EA
Eland WEF	14/12/16/3/3/2/2770	10 February 2026
Windy Plains WEF	14/12/16/3/3/2/2769	10 February 2026

The reasons for the decision are detailed in Annexure 1 of the EAs, which are attached to this correspondence.

The EAs, including the reasons for the decisions, and this correspondence can be accessed on the following links:

- Google Drive: <https://bit.ly/GenesisBWestWEFs>
- CSIR project website: <https://www.csir.co.za/environmental-impact-assessment>

Copies of the EAs will also be furnished on request by contacting the undersigned at ems@csir.co.za

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of the National Appeal Regulations published in Government Notice (GN) 5985 on 13 March 2025, which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. These regulations have been attached to this correspondence. Should you wish to lodge an appeal against the EAs, the appeal must be submitted to the DFFE Appeal Administrator by the Appellant, and a copy thereof must be submitted to the Applicant, Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) (ems@csir.co.za), any registered I&AP and any Organ of State that has interest in the matter, within twenty (20) calendar days from the date that the (notification of the) decision (i.e. this correspondence) was sent to registered I&APs by (the EAP on behalf of) the Applicant. Based on this, you are hereby informed that the appeal period extends from **19 February 2026 to 11 March 2026**.

The appeal must be submitted in writing in the prescribed form (obtainable from the Appeal Administrator or DFFE website) to:

Attention:	The Director: Appeals and Legal Review of the National DFFE, at the below mentioned addresses:
By Email:	appeals@dfffe.gov.za
By Hand:	Environment House, 473 Steve Biko Road, Arcadia, Pretoria, 0083
By Post:	Private Bag X447, Pretoria, 0001

Please visit the DFFE's website at https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations or https://www.dffe.gov.za/rcsm_forms to obtain the prescribed appeal form and for guidance on the submission of appeals or request a copy of the documents by sending an e-mail to: appeals@dfffe.gov.za. The guidance document has also been attached to this correspondence.

Should you have any queries or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned using the contact details provided below:

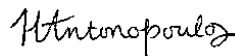
- Attention: Paul Lochner/ Helen Antonopoulos
- Email: ems@csir.co.za
- Postal address: PO Box 320, Stellenbosch, 7599
- Tel: 021 888 2400

In accordance with the Protection of Personal Information Act (Act 4 of 2013), the CSIR will conduct itself responsibly when collecting, processing, storing and sharing any personal information collected for the purposes of PPP in terms of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended) and the 2025 National Appeal Regulations. By registering as an I&AP and/or submitting information and comments, the stakeholder essentially consents to the collection, collation, processing, and storing of such information and the use and disclosure of such information for the aforementioned purpose, including for purposes of potential appeal processes whereby such information may be made available to an appellant in the case of an appeal to satisfy the requirements of Regulation 4 of the 2025 National Appeal Regulations¹. If you would like to opt out of communications on these projects, please do so by responding to this correspondence via email.

We thank you for your participation in these Scoping and EIA Processes.



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