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DETAILS OF THE SPECIALIST, DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND UNDERTAKING UNDER OATH

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Application for authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended (the Regulations)

PROJECT TITLE

Freshwater Assessments Part Of The Environmental Authorisation And Water Use Authorisation Processes For The Proposed Access Road As Part Of The Witberg Wind Energy Facility (Wef), Between Touwsriver And Matjiesfontein In The Western Cape Province

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1. SPECIALIST INFORMATION

Specialist Company Name:	FEN CONSULTING PTY LTD		
B-BBEE	Contribution level (indicate 1 to 8 or non-compliant)	B-BBEE	Contribution level (indicate 1 to 8 or non-compliant) Level 4
Specialist name:	Stephen van Staden		
Specialist Qualifications:	M.sc. Env Management. B.Sc. Hons Aquatic Health.		
Professional affiliation/registration:	SACNASP Registered Reg No. 400134/ South African River Health Program (RHP), Member of the Gauteng Wetland Forum, Member of the Land Rehabilitation Society of South Africa (LaRSSA), Member of International Association of Impact Assessors (IAIA) South Africa		
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2. DECLARATION BY THE SPECIALIST

I, Stephen van Staden, declare that –

- I act as the independent specialist in this application;
- I will perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the applicant;
- I declare that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity in performing such work;
- I have expertise in conducting the specialist report relevant to this application, including knowledge of the Act, Regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity;
- I will comply with the Act, Regulations and all other applicable legislation;
- I have no, and will not engage in, conflicting interests in the undertaking of the activity;
- I undertake to disclose to the applicant and the competent authority all material information in my possession that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing - any decision to be taken with respect to the application by the competent authority; and - the objectivity of any report, plan or document to be prepared by myself for submission to the competent authority;
- all the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct; and
- I realise that a false declaration is an offence in terms of regulation 48 and is punishable in terms of section 24F of the Act.



Signature of the Specialist

FEN CONSULTING PTY LTD

Name of Company:

26 August 2022

Date

Details of Specialist, Declaration and Undertaking Under Oath

3. UNDERTAKING UNDER OATH/ AFFIRMATION

I, Stephen van Steeden, swear under oath / affirm that all the information submitted or to be submitted for the purposes of this application is true and correct.

[Signature]

Signature of the Specialist

FEN CONSULTING PTY LTD

Name of Company

26 August 2022

Date

[Signature]
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Signature of the Commissioner of Oaths

2022-08-26

Date



DECLARATION OF THE SPECIALIST

Note: Duplicate this section where there is more than one specialist.

I Stephen van Steeden as the appointed Specialist hereby declare/affirm the correctness of the information provided or to be provided as part of the application, and that:

- In terms of the general requirement to be independent:
 - other than fair remuneration for work performed in terms of this application, have no business, financial, personal or other interest in the development proposal or application and that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity; or
 - am ~~not~~ independent, but another specialist (the "~~Review~~ Specialist") that meets the general requirements set out in Regulation 13 of the NEMA EIA Regulations has been appointed to review my work (Note: a declaration by the review specialist must be submitted);
- In terms of the remainder of the general requirements for a specialist, have throughout this EIA process met all of the requirements;
- I have disclosed to the applicant, the EAP, the Review EAP (if applicable), the Department and I&APs all material information that has or may have the potential to influence the decision of the Department or the objectivity of any Report, plan or document prepared or to be prepared as part of the application; and
- I am aware that a false declaration is an offence in terms of Regulation 48 of the EIA Regulations.

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Signature of the EAP:

26/08/2022
Date:

FEN Consulting Pty Ltd
Name of company (if applicable):

DECLARATION BY THE SPECIALIST

I, **Sean Altern**, as the appointed Specialist hereby declare/affirm the correctness of the information provided or to be provided as part of the application, and that I:

- In terms of the general requirement to be independent:
 - other than fair remuneration for work performed in terms of this application, have no business, financial, personal, or other interest in the development proposal or application and that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity; or
 - am not independent, but another specialist (the 'Review Specialist') that meets the general requirements set out in Regulation 13 has been appointed to review my work (Note: a declaration by the review specialist must be submitted)
- in terms of the remainder of the general requirements for a specialist, have throughout this EIA process met all the requirements.
- have disclosed to the applicant, the EAP, the Review EAP (if applicable), the Department and I&APs all material information that has or may have the potential to influence the decision of the Department or the objectivity of any report, plan or document prepared or to be prepared as part of the application; and
- am aware that a false declaration is an offence in terms of Regulation 48 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).



Sean Altern - Consultant
NCC Environmental Services (Pty) Ltd
16 August 2022

DECLARATION

I, Matthew Mamera, declare that:

- I act as the independent specialist in this application;
- I will perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the applicant;
- I declare that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity in performing such work;
- I have expertise in conducting the specialist report relevant to this application, including knowledge of the Act, regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity;
- I will comply with the Act, regulations and all other applicable legislation;
- I have no, and will not engage in, conflicting interests in the undertaking of the activity;
- I undertake to disclose to the applicant and the competent authority all material information in my possession that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing any decision to be taken with respect to the application by the competent authority; and the objectivity of any report, plan or document to be prepared by myself for submission to the competent authority;
- All the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct; and
- I realise that a false declaration is an offence in terms of Regulation 71 and is punishable in terms of Section 24F of the Act.



Matthew Mamera

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The Biodiversity Company

July 2022