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To whom it may concern:

**PRE-CONSTRUCTION MONITORING OF BAT ACTIVITY AT 40-45M ABOVE GROUND LEVEL WHILST THE CURRENT BACKLOG OF MET. MAST APPLICATIONS WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY PERSISTS**

There is presently a large backlog of meteorological (met.) mast applications with the South African (SA) Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). This is causing, inter alia, delayed pre-construction monitoring of bat activity within turbine rotor sweep height for proposed wind farm developments in the country.

Given these circumstances, it has been agreed by the below-signed South African Bat Assessment Association Panel members that pre-construction monitoring of bat activity for proposed wind farm developments in SA may be conducted using microphones mounted at both 10 m and 40-45 m on suitable masts of up to 45 m above ground level – which it is understood do not require approval by the SA CAA.

As soon as the current backlog of met. mast applications with the SA CAA has been dealt with, pre-construction monitoring of bat activity in turbine rotor sweep height should recommence on masts taller than 40 m, depending on which turbine model(s) and/or dimensions are being considered for a proposed wind farm.

Kind regards

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