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Dear Stakeholder

**PROPOSED SWELLENDAM, GOEREESOE WIND FARM IN THE WESTERN
CAPE PROVINCE
(DEA Ref no. 12/12/20/2199)**

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

UPDATE REGARDING PROJECT PROCESS

Inca Swellendam 1 Wind (Pty) Ltd (a subsidiary of INCA Energy, herein after referred to as INCA Energy) is proposing to establish a commercial wind energy facility and associated infrastructure on Portions 0, 2, 4 and 5 of Farm 432 Goereesoe. This site is located within the Swellendam Local Municipality approximately 30 km south/south-west of Swellendam in the Western Cape Province. It is proposed for a cluster of up to 15 wind turbines (described as a wind energy facility or a wind farm), with a generating capacity of up to 30MW, to be constructed over an area of approximately 1 315 ha in extent. This facility is to be known as the **Goereesoe Wind Farm near Swellendam**.

Other infrastructure associated with the wind energy facility is proposed to include:

- » **Wind turbines** of between 2 – 3MW in capacity and of up to 110m in height
- » **Concrete foundations** to support the turbines
- » **Cabling** between the turbines, to be laid underground where practical
- » An **on-site substation** to facilitate the connection between the wind farm and the electricity grid
- » An **overhead power line** (66kV) likely to be connected to the existing Vryheid-Bredasdorp 66kV power line which crosses the north west corner of the site
- » **Internal access roads** to each turbine
- » **Workshop area / office** for control, maintenance and storage

A draft EIA Report was released for public review in May 2013 for a 30-day public review period. It is however now the intention of the developer to complete the bird and bat pre-construction monitoring which commenced on the site in January 2013 prior to the submission of the Final EIA Report to the Department of Environmental Affairs. The purpose of this monitoring will be to support the findings of the avifauna and bat impact assessments in line with the Best Practice Guidelines for bird and bat monitoring, and to ensure that appropriate mitigation measures are recommended. This approach also aims to ensure that the DEA has sufficient information on which to make a decision.

You will be informed in writing once the final EIA Report is available for public review and comment, which is expected to be in February 2014.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries regarding the contents of this letter or the project in general.

Yours sincerely,
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(not signed via email/fax)