



APPLICATION FOR AN ELECTRICITY GENERATION
LICENCE IN TERMS OF THE ELECTRICITY REGULATION
ACT, 2006 (ACT NO. 4 OF 2006).

Please return completed form to:

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SECTION A PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT

A1 Full name of applicant (business name) and business registration number

Rietkloof Wind Farm with business registration number 2014/223576/07.

A2 Address of applicant, or in the case of a body corporate, the registered head office

Physical address

14th Floor, Pier Place, Heerengratcht Street,
Foreshore, Cape Town, 8001, South Africa

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A3 Telephone number of applicant

(021) 418 3940

A4 Fax number of applicant

(086) 478 2741

A5 Email address of applicant

s.harris@redrocket.energy

A6 Contact person

First name Matteo

Surname Brambilla

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Email address s.harris@redrocket.energy

A7 Legal form of applicant

Rietkloof Wind Farm (RF) (Pty) Ltd is exclusively established to generate renewable energy.

Note to Section A

- 1) State whether the applicant is a local government body, a juristic person established in terms of an act of parliament, a department of state, a company or other legal body.
- 2) If the applicant is a local government body, attach a copy of the proclamation establishing such body. Where the applicant is a company, the full names of the current directors and the company registration number are required.
- 3) Also provide shareholding information of the company

The shareholding in the Project Company will be held as follows, at Financial Close:

- Red Rocket Energy Proprietary Limited, through intermediary companies including a subsidiary to be incorporated, the Red Rocket Nominee SPV will hold 25.55%;
 - Red Rocket Energy is a South African integrated Independent Power Producer and the lead member of the consortium.
 - Projects Red Rocket has been involved in:
 - Kathu Solar Plant 81MW
 - Roggeveld Wind Power 147MW
 - Kruisvallei Hydro 4MW
- H1 Capital Proprietary Limited, through its wholly owned subsidiary to be incorporated, the H1 Nominee SPV will hold 26.40%;
 - H1 Holdings is a black-owned and managed company based in South Africa which was founded in 2000. Our purpose is to improve the quality of life by producing cleaner energy.
 - H1 Holdings are involved in a number of projects such as:

- Roggeveld Wind Power 147MW
 - Kangnas Wind 138MW
 - Stortemelk Hydro 4.5MW
 - Kruisvallei Hydro 4MW
 - Sirius Solar 75MWp
 - Dyasons Klip 1 Solar 75MW
 - Dyasons Klip 2 Solar 75MWp

- Blue Hawk VI Proprietary Limited, through an intermediary company to be incorporated, the Blue Hawk Nominee SPV, will hold 24.55%;
 - Blue Hawk is currently 100% owned by Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (South Africa) Limited, via the IDEAS Fund ("OMLACSA"). Both Blue Hawk and OMLACSA form part of the Old Mutual group of companies, the holding company of which is a listed entity known as Old Mutual Limited.
 - Both OMLACSA and Blue Hawk have participated in historical rounds of the IPP Programme. Blue Hawk has invested in debt and equity in the following investments –
 - Matla A Bokone Solar (RF) Proprietary Limited;
 - Bokamoso Solar (RF) Proprietary Limited;
 - Waterloo Solar (RF) Proprietary Limited;
 - Boikanyo Solar (RF) Proprietary Limited;
 - Zeerust Solar (RF) Proprietary Limited;
 - De Wildt Solar (RF) Proprietary Limited; and
 - Phakwe Witkop Investments (RF) Proprietary Limited.

- Jade-Sky Energy Proprietary Limited, through its wholly owned subsidiary to be incorporated, the Jade-Sky Nominee SPV, will hold 5.00%;
 - Jade-Sky is a 100%, black women-owned & managed enterprise with Level-1 BEE Status. Jade-Sky Project Management was established in 2012, as a strategic communication and project management company offering embedded consultancy services.

- The Red Rocket Opportunity Trust, through a non-profit company to be incorporated, the RROT Nominee, will hold 2.50%.
 - The Red Rocket Opportunity Trust is a non-profit company which will endeavour to apply ED initiatives such as Education and skills development and supplier uplift to local communities.
 - Projects Red Rocket Opportunity Trust has been involved in:
 - Roggeveld Wind Power 147MW
 - Kruisvallei Hydro 4MW

SECTION B COMMENCEMENT DATE OF LICENCE

B1 Desired date from which the licence (if granted) is to take effect

28 February 2022

Note to Section B

- 4) The normal processing time for a licence application is 120 days once all relevant information has been provided and there are no objections received.
- 5) If the applicant intends operating more than one generation station under the proposed licence, please complete separate application forms for each generation station.

SECTION C PARTICULARS OF PROPOSED GENERATION STATION

C1 Name of generation station

Rietkloof Wind Farm (RF) (Pty) Ltd

C2 Geographical location of generation station (please attach maps) and GPS coordinates (x⁰xx'xxx" S, y⁰yy'yyy" E)

Rietkloof Wind Farm will be constructed on a greenfield site in the Lainsburg Local Municipality approximately 26 km north of the town of Laingsburg, Western Cape, South Africa.

33° 2'42.37"S & 20°31'50.02"E

C3 Address of generation station

Portion 1 of Farm Barendskraal 76
Portion 1 of Farm Hartjieskraal 77
Portion 1 of Farm Snyders Kloof 80
Portion 1 Farm Rietkloof Annexe 88
Remainder of Farm Fortuin 74
Portion 3 of Farm Fortuin 74
Farm Vogelstruisfontein 81
Remainder of Farm Nuwerus 284
Remainder of Farm Hartjieskraal 77
Remainder of Farm Wilgehout Fontein 87

C4 Contact person at generation station

First name and Surname Matteo Brambilla
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C5 Type of generation station (thermal, nuclear, hydro, pumped storage, gas turbine, diesel generator or other) (Please specify)

Onshore Wind

C6 Expected commissioning date for a proposed generation station or at which the station was commissioned (if an existing station). Also state construction period required if applicable.

Commissioning date: 15 March 2024

Construction period: 24 Months

C7 The installed capacity (existing and/or planned) of each unit within the generation station (MW)

Existing Capacity (Nameplate rating)

0 MW

Planned Capacity (nameplate rating)

140 MW

C8 Maximum generation capacity (MW) expected to be available from the generation station and energy to be produced (MWh) over the next 5 years of operation. These estimates should be based on modelling of how the power station will fit into the demand profile of its customers, taking into account the least cost energy purchase consideration and demand management options of customers.

YEAR	Max MW	Total MWh	Own use MWh	Export (Sales) MWh
1	140	558 222	0	558 222
2	140	558 222	0	558 222
3	140	558 222	0	558 222
4	140	558 222	0	558 222
5	140	558 222	0	558 222
6	140	558 222	0	558 222

C9 Estimate of the energy conversion efficiency of the generation station/ Capacity factor where applicable.

Capacity Factor = 45.51%

C10 Expected future life of the generation station.

Future life of project is 20 years.

Note to Section C

Also provide additional technical information of the project as separate attachments. This should give the technology used, technical feasibility studies e.g. radiation studies for

Solar projects or wind studies for Wind projects, connection to the grid arrangements, single line diagrams of the network connection as well as single line diagrams of the generation station, etc. Also attach fuel supply/ wheeling/ connection consents/ agreements where applicable (if you are going to use someone else's network).

This information is also used as technical inputs to the financial model of the project, e.g. solar radiation studies will determine the amount of power that can be generated.

Project Name	Rietkloof Wind Farm
Technology	Onshore Wind
Contracted Capacity	140MW
Maximum Export Capacity (as defined in Distribution Agreement or the Transmission Agreement as the case may be): [MW]	140MW
Wind Turbine Generator Type and nameplate capacity: [e.g 3 Bladed, horizontal Axis, 2MW]	3 Bladed, Horizontal Axis, 5.9MW
Wind turbine Generator model: [eg. Vestas V90 2.0MW]	Nordex N155/5.9 TC100N or alternative
Hub height of Turbines	100m or alternative
Wind Turbine Generator Rotor Diameter: [m]	155m or alternative
Number Wind Turbine Generators	25 or alternative
Planned voltage connection level	132kV
Planned Connection point (i.e the name of the substation or distribution line onto which the project is intended to connect):	Point of Connection & Delivery Point: On the CUSTOMER side of ESKOM's 132kV motorised line isolator(s) on the Wind Farm feeder(s) at ESKOM's Rietkloof 132kV Busbar fed from ESKOM BonEspirange 132kV Substation

**SECTION D PARTICULARS OF LONG TERM ARRANGEMENTS
WITH PRIMARY ENERGY SUPPLIERS**

D1 Name of primary energy supplier/s (mining house, colliery or other fuel supplier)
if applicable

N/A.

D2 Particulars of the contractual arrangements with primary energy supplier if
applicable

N/A.

Notes to Section D

- 6) Please provide brief particulars of any long term agreements entered into with fuel suppliers and copies of such contracts (Signed Fuel Supply Agreements).

SECTION E MAINTENANCE PROGRAMMES AND DECOMMISSIONING COSTS

- E1 Details of any proposed operation and maintenance programmes, including the expected cost and duration thereof, covering the lifespan of the project. Project proposals to state the expected availability, planned outage rate and forced outage rate of the plant over the life span of the project. Additional information may be provided as an attachment.

The envisioned operations and maintenance cost of the onshore wind facility is ZAR 941 052 909 over a 20 year period. This will be in the form of Bank Guarantee, to the amount of ZAR 941 052 909 which shall be accumulated over a 20 year period. At the end of the term the reserve will be built up sufficiently and the bank guarantee shall have a ZAR 0 balance

Expected Availablely over lifespan of project: 97%

Planned Outages rate over lifespan of project: 01 per year for 20 year period

Forced Outage rate over lifespan of project: 01 per year for 20 year period

- E2 Details of any major decommissioning costs expected during the life span of the power station and provided for in the project feasibility study.

The envisioned cost in terms of decommissioning the onshore wind energy facility is approximately ZAR 114 349 747. The decommissioning cost will be built up by means of a decommissioning trust reserve account over the period of 20 years.

- E3 Details of major generation station expansion and modifications planned for in the feasibility study (Dates, Costs in Rands (state year) and description)

No expansion is envisioned for Rietkloof Wind Farm for the 20 year contracting period of operations. The wind energy facility will remain the same throughout the life cycle of the plant.

SECTION F CUSTOMER PROFILE

- F1 Particulars of the person or persons to whom the applicant is providing or intends to provide electricity from the generation station. Explain relationship between buyer and seller if any.

Rietkloof Wind Farm, intends to sell all electricity generated to Eskom Holdings SoC. This is achieved through the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Programme in which Rietkloof Wind Farm has attained Preferred bidder status.

- F2 Network connection details (connection points, voltages, wheeling arrangement, single line diagram). Please attach connection cost estimate letters and / connection consents if not owner of the network.

On the customer side of Eskom's 132kV motorised line isolator(s) on the Wind Farm feeder(s) at Eskom's Rietkloof 132kV Busbar fed from Eskom Bon Espirange 132kV Substation. We have selected the Self-Build option in terms of building our on-site substation. Once the substation is built it will be handed over to Eskom upon completion.

- F3 Provide summary details of Power Purchase Agreements with customer including purchasing price etc. (Please attach Power Purchase Agreements).

A Power Purchase Agreements will be signed for a 20 year period. The power Purchase Agreement is a standard contract between Eskom and the Preferred Bidder. This agreement can be requested from the Independent Power Producer Office for perusal. All successful Bidders from the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Programme(REIPPP) signs this document.

Notes to Section F

- 7) For example, supply to ESKOM or supply to local government distribution system. Please include the details of power purchase agreements entered into and the price structure of the contract.

SECTION G FINANCIAL INFORMATION

G1 Submit projections of and current statements of the accounts in respect of the undertaking carried on by the applicant, showing the financial state of affairs of the most recent period, together with copies of the latest audited annual accounts where such have been prepared.

N/A

G2 Submit the financial model in excel format of the proposed generation facility for the lifespan of the project, showing the funding (Equity/ Debt ratios) and their cost, cost of the project, sales and revenues generated by the project, stating the assumptions underlying the figures. A separate write up must be provided to explain the financial information on the model.

Rietkloof Wind Farm attained a competitive tariff in bid window 5 of 0.5027 ZAR/kWh. This is drastically down from round 4 tariffs and previous wind tariffs. This is a clear indication of how renewable energy is becoming more affordable and sustainable to the energy mix.

G3 Estimates of net annual cash flows for the lifespan of the project sufficient to demonstrate the financial security and feasibility of operating the generation station.

Due to the decreasing prices of renewable energy over the past few years, it has become more attractive for investors to invest in renewable projects in South Africa and still attain a healthy return. This will go a long way in restoring and meeting COP26 targets and being able to generate cleaner electricity at lower cost. Because the price of renewable energy is cheaper, it provides for a greater access to electricity and increases economic development.

G4 Project financing: Who will finance the project, how is funding split between debt and equity, and what is the terms and conditions of the funding agreements. In addition, also fill in table below:

Total capital cost of the project (including IDC)	
Interest During Construction (IDC)	
Post tax real IRR (for the whole project)	
Nominal IRR after Tax (for the whole project)	
Debt/Equity Ratio	
Payback period	

Notes to Section G

- 8) The financial projections should be based on a production plan for the generation station and the revenue generated by participating in the electricity market and by bilateral contracts (Power Purchase Agreements) with customers. Reference to the latest version of National Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) is required to demonstrate that the proposed power purchase agreement is the least cost solution available to the electricity purchaser.
- 9) Evidence of compliance with the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). If the proposed plant is not in the IRP, the applicant must obtain Ministerial approval for deviation from the IRP in accordance with Section 10(2)g of the Electricity Regulation Act, 2006 (Act No. 4 of 2006). This approval is granted by the Minister of Energy so applicant must contact the Department of Energy for this approval. The DDG: Policy would be the contact person at DoE. Sometimes the Minister gives a blanket approval, and applicants are encouraged to contact NERSA for the latest update on what is exempted.

The Rietkloof Wind Farm application is part of the IRP 2019 and is a successful bidder from the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Programme, fifth bid window which has taken place on the 16th August 2021.

SECTION H HUMAN RESOURCES INFORMATION

H1 Submit details of the number of staff and employees and their designation (not names, e.g. three professional engineers registered with ECSA, two clerks etc) in the service of the applicant at the generation station and in any support services separate from the generation station. Also provide information regarding relevant qualifications and experience in critical areas e.g. Professional registration (Engineering Council of South Africa – ECSA), Government Certificate of Competency.

Human Resources should comply with BBEEE policy or the requirements of the Request for Proposal (RfP) documents if the project is as a result of a tendering procurement process, e.g. the DMRE Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement (REIPPP) process. The applicant should give the number of employees that will be employed during project construction, operation and maintenance.

All this information should be submitted as an attachment.

Rietkloof Wind Farm complies with all the economic development commitments laid out in the DMRE/001/2021/22 RFP. Rietkloof Wind Farm shall commit to creating 4881.26 total person-months jobs during the construction measurement period. A further 6278.80 person-month jobs will be created during operation phase. A local community trust will be established with 2.5% share in the project company, this local community trust is a “for public benefit organisation” and shall plough back all into the community through different initiatives such as bursaries and skill development. The consortium consist of 66.29% of South African entity participation, this is quite high and means value flows back to South Africans.

**SECTION I PERMISSION FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENTS OR REGULATORY AUTHORITIES**

- I. What progress has been made to obtain the required permits and approvals for the generation project? Please provide copies of permits issued in respect of the operation of the generation station such as Environmental Authorisations, Water Use Licence, Civil Aviation Authority Approval, etc. (this is depended on technology used).

Environmental Authorisation – Obtained

Water Use License – Water Use Licence Application in Progress

Civil Aviation Authority – New application to be

Land Claims – Obtained

Department of Mineral Resources Section 53 – Obtained

Heritage – Obtained

Electromagnetic Interference – Obtained

Rezoning – Obtained

Subdivision of Agricultural land Act (SALA) – In progress

SECTION J

BROAD-BASED BLACK ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

J1 Please provide information in terms of the following categories:

COMPONENTS	POINTS	0.5	0.75	1
Direct Empowerment	Black Ownership	10% to <20%	20% to 50%	>50%
	Black Management	20% to <35%	35% to 50%	>50%
	Black Female Management	1% to <5%	5% to 10%	>10%
Human Resource Development	Black Skilled Personnel as % of payroll	20% to <35%	35% to 50%	>50%
	Skills Development Programs as % of payroll	1% to <5%	5% to 10%	>10%
	Employment Equity i.e. Women Representation	20% to <35%	35% to 50%	>50%
Indirect Empowerment	Procurement from Black/BEE Suppliers	20% to <35%	35% to 50%	>50%
	Enterprise Development i.e. Monetary Investment or quantifiable non-monetary support in SMME with BEE contributions as % of Net Asset Value/ EBITDA/Total Procurement	10% to <20%	20% to 25%	>25 %
	Industry specific initiatives to facilitate the inclusion of black people in the sector as % of net profit	1% to <5%	5% to 10%	>10%
NERSA's Discretionary Points	Based on skills transfer and fulfilment or acceleration of other national objectives e.g. employment of disabled personnel robust implementation of mechanisms to verify the BEE status of suppliers reported under preferential procurement and utilization of DTI approved accreditation agencies and so on.	1% to <5%	5% to 10%	>10%

SECTION K ECONOMIC INFORMATION

Please state the economic benefits of the project to the local community and to South Africa as a whole. If there are Economic Development Commitments made, they must be stated here or be provided as attachments if the files are big, but in such cases, there should be a brief summary.

Rietkloof Wind Farm will provide numerous benefits in terms of reducing South African's carbon footprint and creating meaningful employment opportunities for local communities. The wind facility will add much needed generation capacity to the aging fossil fuel fleet and shall directly reduce the current loadshedding the country is currently experiencing. Rietkloof will also contribute to the stabilisation of the national grid and has a commitment of 40% local content embedded in the capital expenditure of the project. Commitments to the surrounding local communities such as Skills Development, Enterprise and Supplier development and Socio Economic Development during construction and operations has been made.

Rietkloof Wind Farm due to its size, will generate approximately 558 222 MWh a year with a capacity factor of 45.51%.

SECTION L ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Provide any other relevant information related to this application

SECTION L DECLARATION

On behalf of the applicant, I hereby declare that:

- (a) the applicant shall at all times comply in every respect with the conditions attached to any licence that may be granted to the applicant;
- (b) the applicant shall at all times comply with lawful directions of the National Energy Regulator of South Africa;
- (c) the information provided by me on behalf of the applicant is accurate and complete in all respects; and
- (d) I am authorised to make this declaration on behalf of the applicant.

Signed:



Full name(s) of Signator(y/ies):

Matteo Brambilla

Position held (if the applicant is a company, co-operative, partnership, unincorporated association or any other body corporate):

CEO

Date:

03/12/2021