



## PROGRAMME:

### RENEWABLE ENERGY WORKSHOP ON ENVIRONMENTAL LEGAL PROCESSES

SESSION	TOPIC	KEY ISSUES COVERED
SESSION 1:	<b>Key Environmental Licences, Permits and Authorisations required for the submission of bids in the REIPPPP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Environmental Authorisations and REDZs incl. application timeframes</li> <li>➤ Water Use Licences and General Authorisations incl. application timeframes</li> <li>➤ Section 53 Ministerial consent in terms of the MPRDA</li> <li>➤ Provincial permits for indigenous and alien and invasive vegetation clearance</li> </ul>
SESSION 2:	<b>Applications for Amendments to Licences and Authorisations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Environmental authorisation amendment process in terms of NEMA</li> <li>➤ EMPr amendments</li> <li>➤ Water Use Licence amendments</li> </ul>
<b>TEA BREAK</b>		
SESSION 3:	<b>Managing Appeals and Reviews against the Issuing of an Environmental Authorisation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Appeal process in terms of section 43 of NEMA read together with the Appeal Regulations, 2014</li> <li>➤ Key DEFF appeal decisions applicable to the renewable energy sector (<i>Grassridge v Bayview</i>, <i>Noupoort v San Kraal</i> and <i>Phezukomoya</i>, <i>Plan 8 v Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations of the Department of Environmental Affairs</i>)</li> <li>➤ Judicial Review Process – Lessons learnt from the <i>Earthlife Africa v Minister of Environmental Affairs</i> (Thabmetse judgement) and <i>Fuel Retailers Association of South Africa v Director General: Environmental Management</i> (Mpumalanga Provincial Department)</li> </ul>
<b>LUNCH</b>		
SESSION 4	<b>Operational Environmental Legal Compliance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The importance of compliance with Environmental Authorisations EMPs, Water Use Licences or General Authorisation conditions</li> <li>➤ The need for environmental legal compliance audits</li> <li>➤ Managing enforcement and compliance action</li> </ul>
SESSION 5:	<b>Environmental Aspects of Due Diligence Investigations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Key environmental legal issues for lenders / investors to consider during due diligence investigations at pre and post financial close stages of renewable energy projects.</li> </ul>