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PROGRAMME:

RENEWABLE ENERGY WORKSHOP ON ENVIRONMENTAL LEGAL PROCESSES

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