



Overview



The Jeffreys Bay Wind Farm benefits local communities near the wind farm in many ways. This includes enterprise and socio-economic development programmes which promote access to the economy for local people; procurement and employment opportunities that contribute funds into the local area; as well as the establishment of a local community trust.

A percentage of Jeffreys Bay Wind Farm's operational revenue is spent on these programmes, which are designed and implemented in consultation with the local municipality, community members and business leaders. Programmes are focused on communities that are located within a 50km radius of the wind farm.

Enterprise and Socio-economic Development

Socio-economic development initiatives promote access to the economy for all people.

- Enterprise development includes initiatives to assist and accelerate the sustainability of local enterprises and will initially look at support of emerging black farmers in the area.
- The socio-economic focus is on health programmes (HIV and AIDS, and vulnerable children programmes), youth upliftment – sports programmes and education support programmes, including:
 - early childhood development, as part of a creche support programme
 - numeracy and literacy interventions at a primary school level
 - support for mathematics and science programmes at secondary schooling level
 - a scholarship programme for engineering related studies at tertiary level



Community Trust

6% of the Jeffreys Bay Wind Farm is owned by Amandla Omoya Trust which is significantly higher than the government's minimum threshold of 2.5% local ownership which is required for all of the renewable projects in its REIPPPP Programme.

The name of the trust literally translated means 'the power of the wind'.

To finance its share of the cost of constructing the project, the trust secured a loan from the Development Bank of South Africa (DBSA). The loan will be repaid through the shareholder dividends generated by the project and once repaid the trust will use its share of the dividends to benefit the local community.

Procurement and Employment

In addition, many indirect jobs were created or sustained at local manufacturers and suppliers through the wind farm and its contractor's procurement of goods and services from the local community.

During construction, Jeffreys Bay Wind Farm provided many employment opportunities. The number of jobs varied according to the stage of construction but in August 2013, at the peak of construction, there were 602 people working on site, of which 45% were from the local community. This is a reflection of the contractor's commitment to employ as many people from the local community as possible. A local community liaison officer has been appointed to facilitate this process.

Now in operation, Jeffreys Bay Wind Farm employs eleven people to operate and maintain the wind farm.

These programmes will continue for the 20 year life of the project and will focus on local communities.

ENERGY FACT #7

Unlike almost all other forms of energy, wind energy uses virtually no water.

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