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# FLAT ROCKS WIND FARM Zone of Visual Influence Maps

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Maps of the Zone of Visual Influence for the proposed Flat Rocks Wind Farm, for (1) the total number of turbines with hubs visible, and (2) the total number of turbines with blade tips visible.

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# **1 INTRODUCTION**

Moonies Hill Energy Pty Ltd ("MHE" or "the Customer") have requested that DNV Australia Pty Ltd (DNV), conduct modelling in order to create Zone of Visual Influence (ZVI) maps of the area surrounding the proposed Flat Rocks Wind Farm (the "Project") located in Western Australia.

The purpose of the wind farm modelling is to generate a ZVI map for the following cases:

- Total number of turbines visible at the hub height of 125 m (i.e. number of turbines with hubs visible), and
- Total number of turbines visible at the maximum blade tip height of 200 m (i.e. number of turbines with blade tips visible).

This technical note presents the assumptions and results of the modelling.

This technical note has been prepared pursuant to DNV proposal L2C-212386-AUME-P-01-A, dated 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021, and is subject to the terms and conditions contained therein.

#### **2 DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE**

The site is located to the east of the Albany Highway, approximately 260 km southeast of Perth and 30 km southwest of the township of Katanning in southwest Western Australia. The Palgarup State Forest lies approximately 66 km to the southwest of the site and the mountains of the Stirling Range are located approximately 60 km to the southeast.

The proposed wind farm is sited on undulating terrain, with turbine base elevations varying from approximately 340 m to 380 m above sea level (ASL). The site and surrounding area consists mainly of farmland containing scattered trees, however there are also some large patches of dense forestry. The general terrain at the site and the immediate surrounding areas can be described as gradually undulating.

## **3 MODELLING METHODOLOGY**

#### 3.1 Model inputs

The turbine layout considered by the Customer /1/ /2/ consists of 42 turbine locations, split into two stages. Both stages are included in the ZVI maps presented in this report and, in both stages, the turbines are Vestas V150 turbines with a hub height of 125 m above ground level (AGL) and rotor diameter of 150 m, giving a maximum tip height of 200 m AGL. The turbine coordinates used for the wind farm model, along with coordinates of nearby dwellings /3/, are listed in Appendix A.

The digital elevation model (DEM) used in the assessment is based on a combination of 2 m interval elevation contours previously provided by the Customer and data obtained during the Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM) /4/, which has been used to extend the map up to approximately 20 km from proposed turbine locations.

All coordinates listed in this report are based on the UTM WGS84 Zone 50 South coordinate system.

# **3.2 ZVI calculations**

The ZVI calculation is based on the following parameters and assumptions:

- visibility line of sight calculations were made for an observer height of 1.6 m AGL
- there is an unobstructed line of sight from each turbine to the observer, with the exception of terrain blockage effects, with no reductions in visibility due to:
  - vegetation,
  - o buildings or other structures
  - $\circ$   $\;$  weather induced visibility reducers such as fog or haze, and
  - o physical limitations of the human eye or the visual cognition response of the observer
- the effect of curvature of the earth is included
- an atmospheric Refraction Coefficient of 0.13
- the ZVI map has been calculated to a distance of 20 km from any wind farm turbine, without any
  reduction in turbine visibility within this area except as calculated with the assumptions listed
  above

#### 3.3 Results

The results of the ZVI modelling of the proposed Flat Rocks Wind Farm are presented in Appendix A in the form of ZVI maps overlaid on topographic maps of the site and surrounding areas. The maps are also provided as high-resolution PNG images along with this report.

## **4 REFERENCES**

- /1/ Stage 1 and Stage 2 turbine coordinates. Provided in an email attachment by Sarah Rankin of MHE to Trenton Gilbert of DNV on 18th February 2021.
- /2/ Stage 1 turbine coordinates. Provided in an email attachment by Sarah Rankin of MHE to Michael Quan of DNV on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021.
- /3/ "Houses.kmz". Dwelling coordinates. Provided as an email attachment by Sarah Rankin of MHE to Michael Quan of DNV on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021.
- /4/ "Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM)", NASA JPL, viewed 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016, <u>http://www2.jpl.nasa.gov/srtm/</u>.

APPENDIX A SITE INFORMATION AND ZVI MAPS

Turbine ID	Easting <sup>1</sup> [m]	Northing <sup>1</sup> [m]	Turbine ID	Easting <sup>1</sup> [m]	Northing <sup>1</sup> [m]
T001	531840	6241787	T010	533285	6238735
T002	532100	6241227	T011	533253	6238266
T003	530604	6240976	T012	530660	6237354
T004	532458	6240750	T013	531682	6237572
T005	530327	6240492	T014	531130	6246118
T006	532848	6240247	T015	531663	6245378
T007	530034	6239959	T016	531924	6244916
T008	533060	6239815	T017	531927	6244440
T009	533224	6239233	T018	533574	6244165

#### Table A-1 Flat Rocks Wind Farm turbine coordinates – Stage 1.

Notes:

1. Coordinate system is UTM WGS84 Zone 50S.

#### Table A-2 Flat Rocks Wind Farm turbine coordinates – Stage 2.

Turbine ID	Easting <sup>1</sup> [m]	Northing <sup>1</sup> [m]	Turbine ID	Easting <sup>1</sup> [m]	Northing <sup>1</sup> [m]
T001	533353	6251758	T015	536201	6247429
T003	532675	6251443	T016	534497	6246947
T004	533626	6251119	T017	530818	6247319
T005	532328	6250880	T018	536269	6246950
T006	533248	6250736	T019	534021	6246789
T007	533756	6250500	T020	535002	6246668
T008	531575	6250252	T021	531467	6246454
T009	532922	6250191	T023	535002	6245864
T010	532333	6250139	T024	535977	6246267
T011	533464	6250113	T026	534675	6246351
T012	533791	6249619	T027	535305	6246210
T013	533260	6249574	T029	534457	6245858

Notes:

1. Coordinate system is UTM WGS84 Zone 50S.

Dwelling ID <sup>2</sup>	Easting <sup>1</sup> [m]	Northing <sup>1</sup> [m]	Dwelling ID <sup>2</sup>	Easting <sup>1</sup> [m]	Northing <sup>1</sup> [m]	Dwelling ID <sup>2</sup>	Easting <sup>1</sup> [m]	Northing <sup>1</sup> [m]
NSH 01	529798	6252398	NSH 12	529822	6247171	NSH 23	527880	6245016
NSH 02	534034	6254130	NSH 13	530084	6245361	NSH 24	529664	6247150
NSH 03	534715	6252104	NSH 14	531650	6243477	NSH 25	539639	6249790
NSH 04	533708	6248507	NSH 15	532980	6242569	NSH 26	537651	6239341
NSH 05	538397	6245086	NSH 16	527583	6245239	SH 27	534087	6239798
NSH 06	536092	6244487	NSH 17	525525	6244591	SH 28	531662	6251703
NSH 07	536187	6243019	NSH 18	525552	6238707	SH 29	533630	6245188
NSH 08	533602	6237033	NSH 19	528558	6237293	SH 30	528911	6240554
NSH 09	533299	6237262	NSH 20	531581	6233170	SH 31	529077	6237156
NSH 10	527067	6249862	NSH 21	526817	6247723	SH 32	528718	6236883
NSH 11	527858	6248864	NSH 22	529707	6247138	NSH 33	537747	6239374

#### Table A-3 Dwellings located in proximity to the proposed Flat Rocks Wind Farm.

Notes:

1. Coordinate system is UTM WGS84 Zone 50S.

2. Dwellings labelled as "NSH ##" are non-stakeholders in the project and those labelled as "SH ##" are stakeholders in the project.



Figure A-1 ZVI map of Flat Rocks Wind Farm – Calculated at hub height (Far view).



ZVI map for the Flat Rocks Wind Farm, calculated at a hub height of 125 m agl







Figure A-4 ZVI map of Flat Rocks Wind Farm – Calculated at maximum tip height (Close view).

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