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The Department of Forestry, Fisheries & Environment Environment House 473 Steve Biko Road Arcadia 0002

For attention: Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

VLAKFONTEIN SOLAR PV1 ON THE REMAINDER OF VLAKFONTEIN NO 15 AND PORTION 1 OF JACKALSFONTEIN NO 443, VILJOENSKROON, FREE STATE PROVINCE: SUBMISSION OF AMENDED APPLICATION AND FINAL BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR APPROVAL

Please find attached hereto the following documentation for your consideration and approval.

- Amended Application for Environmental Authorisation
- Final Basic Assessment Report

Landscape Dynamics Environmental Consultants recommends the Application for Environmental Authorisation for the Vlakfontein Solar PV1 facility with project components as provided in Chapter 3 of the Basic Assessment Report for approval.

It is requested that the following be approved as part of the Environmental Authorisation:

- The Environmental Management Programme
- The site layout as provided in Appendix A(5) of the Final BAR.

It is required that the EA be valid for a period of 10 years during which construction must commence.

**Kindly note:** This site is situated entirely within a Renewable Energy Development Zone (REDZ) as per GN 114 - in the Klerksdorp REDZ. Also, the site forms part of the Electricity Grid Infrastructure (EGI) as per GN 113 – in the Central STC. It is therefore understood that the shortened timeframe for DFFE decision-making will apply.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you require any discussion.

Kind regards

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