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**Attention: Briega Williams**

**Re: FINAL COMMENT ON REVISED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT 2023: THE PROPOSED GAS TO POWER POWERSHIP PROJECT AT THE PORT OF SALDANHA BAY AND ASSOCIATED EVACUATION ROUTE WITHIN SALDANHA BAY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WEST COAST DISTRICT, WESTERN CAPE**

Thank you for SAHRA's comments dated 15 August 2023, noting that maritime heritage has indeed been addressed and mitigation measures have been recommended. Sections 6.2.3 and 7.5.10 made reference to maritime heritage and include measures to be undertaken during the proposed project.

The recommendations set out in section 7.3.10 and 7.7.20, have been included in the EMPr to ensure appropriate action is taken should any cultural heritage be discovered. The statement in the EMPr was updated to state that the measures must be included in any EMPr produced for the project.

The following requirement was included in the EMPr – Section 7.7.20. Heritage - Areas of Specific Importance :

- If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or maritime archaeologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of heritage significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA.
- Should any shipwrecks be identified as part of this project then SAHRA must be notified to enable the information to be added to the national shipwreck database

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Plomp", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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