### **SPECIALIST DECLARATION**

I, ..Simon Todd....., as the appointed independent specialist, in terms of the 2014 EIA Regulations, hereby declare that I:

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- I act as the independent specialist in this application;
- I perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the applicant;
- regard the information contained in this report as it relates to my specialist input/study to be true and correct, and do not have and will not have any financial interest in the undertaking of the activity, other than remuneration for work performed in terms of the NEMA, the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 as amended and any specific environmental management Act;
- I declare that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity in performing such work;
- I have expertise in conducting the specialist report relevant to this application, including knowledge of the Act, Regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity;
- I will comply with the Act, Regulations and all other applicable legislation;
- I have no, and will not engage in, conflicting interests in the undertaking of the activity;
- I have no vested interest in the proposed activity proceeding;
- I undertake to disclose to the applicant and the competent authority all material information in my
  possession that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing any decision to be taken with
  respect to the application by the competent authority; and the objectivity of any report, plan or
  document to be prepared by myself for submission to the competent authority;
- I have ensured that information containing all relevant facts in respect of the specialist input/study was
  distributed or made available to interested and affected parties and the public and that participation by
  interested and affected parties was facilitated in such a manner that all interested and affected parties
  were provided with a reasonable opportunity to participate and to provide comments on the specialist
  input/study;
- I have ensured that the comments of all interested and affected parties on the specialist input/study were considered, recorded and submitted to the competent authority in respect of the application;
- all the particulars furnished by me in this specialist input/study are true and correct; and
- I realise that a false declaration is an offence in terms of regulation 48 and is punishable in terms of section 24F of the Act.

Signature of the specialist:	huleda.

Name of Specialist: \_\_\_\_Simon Todd\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_20 February 2021\_\_\_\_\_\_

### **SPECIALIST DECLARATION**

I, ..Simon Todd....., as the appointed independent specialist, in terms of the 2014 EIA Regulations, hereby declare that I:

- I act as the independent specialist in this application;
- I perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the applicant;
- regard the information contained in this report as it relates to my specialist input/study to be true and correct, and do not have and will not have any financial interest in the undertaking of the activity, other than remuneration for work performed in terms of the NEMA, the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 and any specific environmental management Act;
- I declare that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity in performing such work;
- I have expertise in conducting the specialist report relevant to this application, including knowledge of the Act, Regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity;
- I will comply with the Act, Regulations and all other applicable legislation;
- I have no, and will not engage in, conflicting interests in the undertaking of the activity;
- I have no vested interest in the proposed activity proceeding;
- I undertake to disclose to the applicant and the competent authority all material information in my
  possession that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing any decision to be taken with
  respect to the application by the competent authority; and the objectivity of any report, plan or
  document to be prepared by myself for submission to the competent authority;
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  input/study;
- I have ensured that the comments of all interested and affected parties on the specialist input/study were considered, recorded and submitted to the competent authority in respect of the application;
- all the particulars furnished by me in this specialist input/study are true and correct; and
- I realise that a false declaration is an offence in terms of regulation 48 and is punishable in terms of section 24F of the Act.

Signature of the specialist:	mileda.

Name of Specialist: \_\_\_\_\_Simon Todd\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_15 February 2021\_\_\_\_\_\_

### Appendix B

## Declaration of Independence

CR Lubbe was appointed by Hotazel Solar Facility 2 (Pty) Ltd via Cape Environmental Assessment Practitioners (Pty) Ltd, the EAP, to conduct an independent agricultural impact assessment for the proposed Hotazel Solar 2 in the Northern Cape.

He is not a subsidiary or in any way affiliated to Hotazel Solar Facility 2 (Pty) Ltd.

CR Lubbe also does not have any interest in secondary developments that may arise from the authorisation of the proposed project.

Christo Lubbe

CR Lubbe

30 April 2020

the heritage authorities, and it may require further mitigation in the form of excavation and curation in an approved institution.

### SPECIALIST DECLARATION

I, Lita Webley (PhD in Archaeology, University of Cape Town), herewith confirm that I am a member of the Association of Southern African Professional Archaeologists (ASAPA: Membership No 175). I am an accredited Principal Investigator Stone Age archaeology, Shell Midden Archaeology and Colonial Archaeology and Field Director for Grave Relocation. I am a member of the Association of Professional Heritage Practitioners. I have worked as a heritage practitioner since 1997 and have completed more than 250 archaeological and heritage impact assessments.

As the appointed independent specialist for this application declare that I -

- act as an independent specialist (archaeologist) in this application.
- regard the information contained in this report as it relates to my specialist input/study to be true and correct.
- do not have and will not have any financial interest in the undertaking of the activity, other than renumeration for work performed in terms of the NEMA, the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 and any specific environmental management Act.
- have and will not have no vested interest in the proposed activity proceeding.
- have disclosed, to the applicant, EAP and competent authority, any material information that have or may have the potential to influence the decision of the competent authority or the objectivity of any report, plan or document required in terms of the NEMA, the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 and any specific environmental management Act;
- am fully aware of and meet the responsibilities in terms of NEMA, the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (specifically in terms of regulation 13 of GN No.R. 982) and any specific environmental management Act, and that failure to comply with these requirements may constitute and result in disgualification;
- am aware that a false declaration is an offense in terms of regulation 48 of GN No. R. 982.

h. E. Webley

Signature of the specialist

Name of company: Dr Lita Webley Professional Archaeologist and Specialist Heritage Practitioner

Date: 9 February 2021

(HWC) and an advisor on palaeontological conservation and management issues for the Palaeontological Society of South Africa (PSSA), HWC and SAHRA. He is currently compiling technical reports on the provincial palaeontological heritage of Western, Northern and Eastern Cape for SAHRA and HWC. Dr Almond is an accredited member of PSSA and APHP (Association of Professional Heritage Practitioners – Western Cape).

### **Declaration of Independence**

I, John E. Almond, declare that I am an independent consultant and have no business, financial, personal or other interest in the proposed development project, application or appeal in respect of which I was appointed other than fair remuneration for work performed in connection with the activity, application or appeal. There are no circumstances that compromise the objectivity of my performing such work.

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Dr John E. Almond Palaeontologist *Natura Viva* cc

# SPECIALIST DECLARATION OF INTEREST

I, Lisa Opperman , declare that –

- » I act as the independent specialist in this application.
- » I will perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the applicant.
- » I declare that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity in performing such work.
- » I have expertise in conducting the specialist report relevant to this application, including knowledge of the Act, Regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity.
- » I will comply with the Act, Regulations and all other applicable legislation.
- » I have no, and will not engage in, conflicting interests in the undertaking of the activity.
- » I undertake to disclose to the applicant and the competent authority all material information in my possession that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing – any decision to be taken with respect to the application by the competent authority; and – the objectivity of any report, plan or document to be prepared by myself for submission to the competent authority.
- » All the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct.
- » I realise that a false declaration is an offence in terms of Regulation 48 and is punishable in terms of section 24F of the Act.

Lisa Opperman

Name

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Signature

February 2021

Date

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This document was completed by Silver Solutions 887 cc trading as VRM Africa, a Visual Impact Study and Mapping organisation located in George, South Africa. VRM Africa cc was appointed as an independent professional visual impact practitioner to facilitate this VIA.

This document was undertaken by the following team:

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APHP accredited VIA Practitioner

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## 9 ANNEXURE 1: SPECIALIST DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

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#### DETAILS OF SPECIALIST AND DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The specialist appointed in terms of the Regulations

#### I, STEPHEN STEAD , declare that ---

General declaration:

- I act as the independent specialist in this application
   I will perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the applicant
- I declare that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity in performing such work;
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- I will comply with the Act, regulations and all other applicable legislation;
- I have no, and will not engage in, conflicting interests in the undertaking of the activity;
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  with respect to the application by the competent authority; and the objectivity of any report,
  plan or document to be prepared by myself for submission to the competent authority;
- all the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct; and
- I realise that a false declaration is an offence in terms of Regulation 71 and is punishable in terms of section 24F of the Act.



Signature of the specialist: SILVER SOLUTIONS TRADING AS VRM AFRICA



- Grinaker-LTA Nelson Mandela Bay Soccer Stadium: Student Engineer Vacation Training: Verification of drawings. She was responsible for the liaison between technical manager and subcontractors and inspection checks.
- **Grinaker-LTA (Port of Ngqura Project-Coega):** Student Engineer Vacation Training: Assisting with bridge construction. Amory handled the survey and levelling of abutments, foundation supervisor and concrete quality inspections.

# **SPECIALIST DECLARATION**

I, **Amory Le Roux-Arries**, as the appointed independent specialist, in terms of the 2014 EIA Regulations, hereby declare that:

- I act as the independent specialist in this application;
- I will perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favorable to the applicant;
- I declare that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity in performing such work;
- I have expertise in conducting the specialist report relevant to this application including knowledge of the Act, regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity;
- I will comply with the Act, regulations and all other applicable legislation;
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- All the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct; and
- I realise that a false declaration is an offence in terms of Regulation 71 and is punishable on terms of section 24F of the Act.

Signature of Specialist:

Ally.

Name of Specialist: Amory Le Roux-Arries

Date: 15 June 2020