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SPECIALIST CLARIFYING STATEMENT IN TERMS OF THE AGRICULTURAL IMPACT STUDY FOR PROPOSED INYANDA - ROODEPLAAT WIND ENERGY FACILITY, NEAR UITENHAGE, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE

The aim of this statement is to provide clarity on questions raised by DEA in their assessment of the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Inyanda-Roodeplaat WEF. The following aspects are clarified, with respect to my report, the Agricultural Impact Assessment, completed in February 2016:

1 The significance of any differences between the project description in the FEIR and that in my specialist report

The final footprint, as shown in the FEIR, is all within the area assessed in my report. The findings of the report were that development within this area would have a low agricultural impact. The assessment of impact was not specific to the exact locations of different infrastructure. The overall impact over the assessed area was relevant. The only areas identified with any higher agricultural sensitivity than the rest of the farm, the areas of historical cultivation, are still not affected in any way by the latest footprint of the development. The significance ratings in my report therefore remain unchanged and are still valid. The proposed mitigation measures are also still valid and require no amendment.

2 Adequacy of field work in preparing my report

I confirm that I conducted sufficient fieldwork on which to base my conclusions, significance ratings, and mitigation measures. No additional studies are required in order to assess agricultural impact.

3 Site access

During my field assessment, I was not deliberately prevented access to any portion of the site. I was able to visit all parts of the site that I considered to be necessary for the purposes of a thorough agricultural assessment.

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