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Dear Mr Norman

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED VELD PV SOUTH SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR AGGENEYS IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation confirms having received the aforementioned Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) for comments and does not have any objections to the proposed development. In order to minimize loss to biodiversity as possible the following recommendation must be adhered to during final EIR:

- All species of conservation concern must not be removed or disturbed prior to acquiring permits from relevant authorities; and
- A Plant, Rescue and Protection Plan which allows the maximum transplant of conservation important species from areas to be transformed must be developed and must be submitted to the Directorate with the Final Basic Assessment Report.

The final report must comply with all the requirements as outlined in the Best Practice Guideline for Birds & Solar Energy for assessing and monitoring the impact of solar power generating facilities on birds in southern Africa.

Yours faithfully

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