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Attention: Ms Williams

Subject: RE: HIA report, Karpower Powership, Coega IDZ, Eastern Cape.

Dear Briega Williams,

Thank you for your SAHRA's participation and comments on the draft EIA Report of 12 March 2021 and participation.

The description of the project in your letter is correct, and but please just note that the length of the Alternative 1 and Alternative 2 route for the gas pipeline is approx. 1.6km and 0.7km long respectively, as indicated in Section 3.2.2 of the draft EIA Report – Gas pipeline alternatives.

I confirm that Triplo4 did receive (01 December 2021) and consider SAHRA's comments on the Final Scoping Report. A response was provided to SAHARA on 08 December 2020 indicating that indicating that the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) Report had included the laydown area for the gas pipelines (to be located near the starting point of the transmission line), and that no findings were reported. This response had specifically addressed your comment that "the laydown area for the pipeline must be surveyed for heritage resources prior to the laying of the pipeline", by clarifying that the laydown area for the pipeline was had already been assessed in the Heritage Study and specific reference is made in the letter from Vanessa Maitland (see attached).

In addition, SAHRA comments received as part of Scoping were considered in drafting the EIA Report and mitigation measures were included in the draft EMPr to address SAHRA's concern that "*there is still a chance that historic remains could be uncovered during the works. In this case all works must cease and may not commence until SAHRA has been contacted to advise the way forward*". Sections 8.3.10 and 8.6.20 deal with management and protection of Heritage Resource, and the various mitigation actions that have been recommended include the following –

- If an artefact on site is uncovered, work in the immediate vicinity must be stopped immediately.
- Approval must be obtained from the provincial heritage authority, should there be the need to demolish any sites of archaeological and cultural significance. Demolition / construction work must only commence once the provincial heritage authority's approval has being obtained.
- Work may only resume once clearance is given in writing by an archaeologist.

As stated in your comments on the draft EIA Report, the possibility of any impact on maritime heritage resources is considered low. Similarly so, letter from Vanessa Maitland (attached) which will be included in the Final Submission of the Final EIA indicated the following:

- That both areas proposed for the laying of the pipeline had already been extensively dredged far below the historic ground level and concluded that it is extremely unlikely that any heritage resources remain.
- The presence of unknown wooden wreckage lying in the inshore area of the proposed pipeline must be monitored by an archaeologist during excavations for the pipeline.

For completeness and better clarity as you have requested, the above points referring to the maritime heritage will be added to the final EIAR in Section 4.2.1 (Cultural Heritage), as well as Section 8.3.12 (Specialists' Findings and Recommendations – 8.3.12, Heritage, Archaeology and Palaeontology). The mitigations measures within the EMPr will also be further revised to clearly indicate reference to both terrestrial and maritime heritage.

Thank you again for your participation and I trust this response addresses all your enquiries. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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