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RE: AVIFAUNAL PEER REVIEW OF THE ADDENDUM AVIFAUNAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE HIGHLANDS SOUTH WIND FARM.

To whom it may concern,

WildSkies Ecological Services (Pty) Ltd was appointed in 2018 by Arcus Consulting to conduct a peer review of the study entitled: "Highlands Wind Farm Pre-construction Bird Monitoring: Impact Assessment Report". Subsequently the avifaunal studies conducted by Arcus were updated to include additional aspects at the request of the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA). Arcus therefore asked WildSkies to review the updated work, and with specific consideration of the actions highlighted by DEA. This was done in October 2019. In May 2021 WildSkies was again asked to review the addendum reports for the three wind farms, this time by Holland & Associates Environmental Consultants, who had been appointed to undertake an Application for Amendment of the Environmental Authorisation for the project.

WildSkies was sent the report entitled 'Proposed Highlands South Wind Energy Facility near Somerset East, Eastern Cape province: Application for Amendment of the Environmental Authorisation (14/12/16/3/3/1/1960): Addendum to the Avifaunal Specialist Impact Assessment'. The report has been reviewed and we conclude (as with our previous reviews) that the study and its findings are reasonable and based on sound data. The proposed amendments, including proposed amendments to the turbine specifications and number of turbines, will not change the original impact assessment findings.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Smallie', is written over a light grey grid background.

Jon Smallie