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To whom this may concern,

**Confirmation of the visual implications that Geelstert 2 Solar PV facility is likely to have regarding the Gamsberg and Namiesberg Massacres Sites
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The location of the Gamsberg and Namiesberg Massacres Sites is detailed on page 14 of the Heritage Screening Report that accompanied the that accompanied the Basic Assessment report for this proposed project. The following points are relevant to the visual impact of the proposed Geelstert 2 solar PV facility to the Gamsberg and Namiesberg massacre sites.

- Geelstert 2 Solar PV facility will not physically change the nature of the Gamsberg or Namiesberg massacre sites;
- Geelstert 2 Solar PV facility is unlikely to be highly obvious from the Namiesberg massacre site largely due to distance (10.5km) and the fact that it is largely screened by the Gamsberg. However, the eastern most section of the proposed development may be visible from the upper section of this site;
- Geelstert 2 Solar PV facility will be visible from the upper sections of the Gamsberg massacre site, however, it will be viewed in the context of other more major infrastructure. The Gamsberg has been mined for Zinc by the Black Mountain Mining Company and comprises an open pit mine and a dedicated processing plant which has resulted in disturbance of the area;
- Geelstert 2 Solar PV facility will be largely screened from the lower sections of the Gamsberg massacre site by other proposed solar PV projects; and
- Geelstert 2 Solar PV facility will not block or change views of either the Gamsberg or the Namiesberg massacre sites from accessible public view points along the adjacent un-surfaced roads known as the Loop 10 Road and the Gamoep Road.

Due to the above points it is not anticipated that the proposed Geelstert 2 Solar PV facility will have a significant visual impact on either the Gamsberg or the Namiesberg massacres site.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned using the contact details below.

Kind regards

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