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Attention: Lisa Opperman

Savannah Environmental Pty Ltd

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Re: Peer review of the Social Impact Specialists Report for the Proposed Geelster Solar Grid Connection Infrastructure, Northern Cape Province

Having reviewed the above report I find that it provides a good description of the project and the social environment within which the project will unfold. It also provides a good indication of the social impacts that are likely to arise as a result of the proposed project and suggests appropriate optimisation and mitigation measure. The review was concluded on 08 August, 2020 and the following comments are made:

1. The terms of reference are acceptable.
2. The methodology is clearly explained and acceptable.
3. The findings are based on acceptable evidence.
4. The mitigation measures and recommendations are appropriate.
5. No shortcomings have been identified.
6. The reference literature is appropriate.
7. No site-inspection was carried out as part of this peer review.
8. The report is well-written and easy to understand.

Attached is a schedule, in accordance with Appendix 6 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998). Environmental Impact Assessment

Regulations, 2014, indicating the level of compliance of the report in respect of this regulation.

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

I, Neville Bews, as authorised representative of Dr Neville Bews & Associates hereby confirm my independence as a specialist and declare that neither I nor Dr Neville Bews & Associates have any interest, be it business, financial, personal or other, in any proposed activity, application or appeal in respect of which Dr Neville Bews & Associates was appointed as social impact assessment specialists in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), other than fair remuneration for work performed. This declaration is specifically in connection with the review of the Social Impact Report for the Geelstert Solar Facility Grid Connection Infrastructure, Northern Cape Province.

Signed:



Date: 08 August, 2020

Proposed Geelstert Solar Facility Grid Connection Infrastructure, Northern Cape Province

<u>Appendix 6: Specialist reports</u>	Section	Comment
A specialist report prepared in terms of these Regulations must contain-		
(a) details of- (i) the specialist who prepared the report; and (ii) the expertise of that specialist to compile a specialist report including a curriculum vitae;	Section 1.2	
(b) a declaration that the specialist is independent in a form as may be specified by the competent authority;	Specialist Declaration of Interest page ii	
(c) an indication of the scope of, and the purpose for which, the report was prepared;	Section 2.1	
cA) An indication of the quality and age of base data used for the specialist report.	Section 2.4	
cB) A description of existing impacts on the site, cumulative impacts of the proposed development and levels of acceptable change.	Section 5	
(d) the date and season of the site investigation and the relevance of the season to the outcome of the assessment;	Not applicable	
(e) a description of the methodology adopted in preparing the report or carrying out the specialised process;	Section 2	
(f) the specific identified sensitivity of the site related to the activity and its associated structures and infrastructure;	Sections 4 & 5	
(g) an identification of any areas to be avoided, including buffers;	None = N/A	
(h) a map superimposing the activity including the associated structures and infrastructure on the environmental sensitivities of the site including areas to be avoided, including buffers;	Section 1, Figure 1.1 Section 2, Figure 2.2 Section 5, Figure 5.1	
(i) a description of any assumptions made and any uncertainties or gaps in knowledge;	Section 2.4	
(j) a description of the findings and potential implications of such findings on the impact of the proposed activity, including identified alternatives on the environment;	Section 5 & 6	
(k) any mitigation measures for inclusion in the EMPr;	Appendix A	
(l) any conditions for inclusion in the environmental authorisation;	No	
(m) any monitoring requirements for inclusion in the EMPr or environmental authorisation;	Appendix A	
(n) a reasoned opinion- (i) as to whether the proposed activity or portions thereof should be authorised; and (ii) if the opinion is that the proposed activity or portions thereof should be authorised, any avoidance, management and mitigation measures that should be included in the EMPr, and where applicable, the closure plan;	Sections 6.1 & 6.2	
(o) a description of any consultation process that was undertaken during the course of preparing the specialist report;	No	See Section 5 explanation
(p) a summary and copies of any comments received during any consultation process and where applicable all responses thereto	Not applicable	
(q) any other information requested by the competent authority.	Not applicable	
2. Where a government notice gazetted by the Minister provides for any protocol or minimum information requirement to be applied to a specialist report, the requirements as indicated in such notice will apply.	Not applicable	