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Attention: Gideon Raath

Savannah Environmental Pty Ltd

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Re: Peer review of the Social Impact Scoping Report for the Proposed 100 MW Vrede Photovoltaic Solar Energy Facility, Battery Energy Storage System (Bess) and Associated Infrastructure Located Near Kroonstad, Free State 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 14 January 2021 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. The reference literature is appropriate.
6. No site-inspection was carried out as part of this peer review.
7. The report is well-written and easy to understand.
8. No shortcomings have been identified.

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 Scoping Report for the Vrede Solar Power Facility, Battery Storage System and associated infrastructure located near Kroonstad, Free State Province.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'N. Bews', written over a horizontal line.

Date: 14 January 2021