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Dear Susanna,

RE: ADDENDUM TO THE AVIFAUNAL SPECIALIST ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED WAG 'N BIETJIE MAIN TRANSMISSION SUBSTATION AND ACCESS ROAD, NEAR DE AAR IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.

This addendum considers the potential avifaunal impact associated with the increased area of the Main Transmission Substation (MTS) from 10 ha to 36 ha as well as the required upgrade of the associated main access road.

The 36 ha on which the Wag 'n Bietjie MTS will be placed, falls wholly within the area assessed during the site visit (the total assessment area was 257ha) and has been addressed in the specialist report provided.

The impact associated with the access road to the Wag 'n Bietjie MTS which now forms part of the project components is as follows:

- A large portion of the access route has been assessed as part of the site investigation. There is however an approximately 3km portion of the road which falls outside the previously assessed area. This part of the access road is an existing gravel road which will only be upgraded for the purpose of the Wag 'n Bietjie MTS.
- The proposed route falls within an area of low to very low avifaunal sensitivity and is therefore likely to result in insignificant negative impacts on the avifauna in the area and does not change the impact ratings determined by the Avifaunal Specialist Assessment.
- Considering the fact that the road is existing and will only be upgraded, the proposed access road is considered **acceptable from an avifaunal perspective** and can be approved following the implementation of relevant mitigation measures described in the Avifaunal Specialist Report.

Regards,

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