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Ref: East 2 Revised Layout Comment

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RE: COMMENT ON REVISED LAYOUT FOR THE EAST 2 SOLAR PARK PROJECT, HOTAZEL, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

With reference to your correspondence dated 21 April 2016 RE the increased layout for the East 2 Solar Park project, Hotazel, Northern Cape Province.

It is our understanding that the footprint of the layout will increase from 210ha to 250ha, a 16% increase in the footprint. The additional 40ha is located along a section of the northern side of the existing proposed footprint.

It is our professional opinion that the visual impact from the expansion of the footprint will be *negligible*. The reasons for this statement are:

- the topography blocks the impact to the north and therefore no additional Visually Sensitive Receptors (VSRs) will be exposed;
- the expansion will only result in a slightly larger area of impact;
- the VSRs to the north that might be affected would include T3 (Local travellers), B1 (open space / grazing / farming activities), B3 (hunting activities) and possibly R1 (Rhodes farmstead). It is not very likely that the impact on R1 would result in a higher *relevance* rating (from *moderate* to *substantial*) however, the Rhodes Farm also has a Solar Park development proposed on it.
- during the initial study, there were no concerns raised from Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with regards the visual impact and it was therefore concluded that they were not opposed to the development.

Should there be any queries, a full desktop analysis can be quoted for and conducted.

Yours Sincerely



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