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Attention: Ms Briega Williams – South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)

Subject: RE: Comments on the proposed Gas to Power powership project at the Port of Richards Bay

Dear Ms Williams,

Thank you for SAHRA's participation and comments on the draft EIA Report, dated 17 November 2022.

We confirm that heritage impacts, including underwater heritage, were considered and captured in the draft EIA Report, in sections 7.5.6 and 7.5.10. In terms of the Underwater Archaeology, it was determined that there is an extremely low probability of Maritime and Underwater Cultural Heritage resources being found in the Port of Richards Bay. It was further indicated that the specialist recommended the need for input in the EMPr on mitigation of impacts to maritime and underwater cultural heritage resources should they be discovered during the pipeline laydown area survey.

The recommended mitigation measures were then captured in the EMPr, in section 7.7.20. (Heritage - Areas of Specific Importance), which contain 16 conditions. These conditions include the following regarding maritime heritage –

- Condition 2 - A Chance Find protocol will be initiated during construction.
- Condition 12 - Should any heritage artefacts be exposed during marine excavations, work in the immediate area where the artefacts were discovered, shall cease immediately and the on-site archaeologist shall be notified as soon as possible.
- Condition 13 - All discoveries shall be reported immediately to the on-site archaeologist so that an investigation and evaluation of the finds can be made. The archaeologist will advise the necessary actions to be taken, including notifying SAHRA and if the artefacts are below the high-water mark, SAHRA's MUCH Unit must be contacted.


We trust the above provide clarity on the inclusion of the required mitigations regarding heritage aspects within the EIA report and the EMPr.


Thank you again for your participation and we trust this response addresses your enquiry. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any further queries.


Yours sincerely,



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