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Email reply to: bwilliams@sahra.org.za

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 your letter with comments on the draft EIA Report, dated 20 December 2022.

In our letter of response (dated 28 November 2022) to your previous Interim Comments (dated 17 November 2022), we explained and clarified how and where heritage impacts and mitigations (including underwater heritage) were considered and captured in the draft EIA Report and the EMPr. Nonetheless, in view of SAHRA's additional comments (dated 20 December 2022), we have incorporated the following measures to the final EIA Report and EMPr, in addition to the heritage aspects already captured in these documents:

Sections 7.5.6 and 7.5.10 of the Final EIA Report –

“A chance find protocol must be initiated during construction. If any shell layers are affected during the course of construction, KZN Amafa & Research Institute (KZNARI) must be informed immediately. This will not delay the construction since the material would already be exposed and on the surface. It will be merely to assess the deposits. Although not anticipated, should maritime archaeology be discovered, SAHRA, as the contacting authority which deals with underwater cultural heritage, must be contacted immediately, and approval must be obtained should there be a need to demolish or remove such maritime archaeology site. Demolition / construction work may only commence or continue once SAHRA's approval has been obtained.”

Sections 7.3.10 (Protection of heritage resources) and 7.7.20 (Heritage – Areas of specific Importance) of the EMPr -

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there be need to demolish or remove such maritime archaeology site. Demolition / construction work may only commence or continue once SAHRA's approval has been obtained."

We trust the above addresses your comments regarding the heritage aspects within the EIA report and the EMPr.

Thank you again for your participation in the EIA process and please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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