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SAHRA Case ID: 15647

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Attention: Natasha Higgitt

**RE: SUBMISSION OF A NEW APPLICATION INCLUDING THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT**  
**for the**

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE UP TO 400 KV DE AAR 2 SOUTH TRANSMISSION LINE AND**  
**SWITCHING STATION, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE, FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION**

Mulilo De Aar 2 South (Pty) Ltd ('Mulilo') is applying for environmental authorisation of one proposed transmission line and a switching station (the proposed development), located approximately 15 to 26 km east of the town of De Aar, Northern Cape Province. The proposed development site forms part of the Electricity Grid Infrastructure Central Strategic Transmission Corridor as per Government Notice 113, National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998). The proposed development aims to connect the authorised De Aar 2 South Wind Energy Facility ('DA2S WEF') (Ref: 12/12/20/2463/1/AM7) to the existing Eskom Hydra Substation.

Arcus Consultancy Services South Africa (Ltd) Pty ('Arcus') has been appointed to act as project manager and to undertake the environmental impact assessment process for Environmental Authorisation under Chapter 4 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998 – NEMA) as amended, for the Proposed Development.

The draft BA Report (Arcus, September 2020) was subjected to a 30 day comment period from the 19 October 2020 to the 17 November 2020 (both days inclusive). During the public comment period, the application process was suspended. The draft BA Report (Arcus, April 2021) has since been updated slightly to request authorisation of only one transmission line route (i.e., Route 1 – The Preferred Alternative, see Figure appended to this letter) instead of authorisation of both routes, and is therefore being subjected to another 30 day comment period.

The Draft Basic Assessment Report for the Proposed Development of the up to 400 kV De Aar 2 South Transmission Line and Switching Station, Northern Cape Province is being subjected to the required 30 day comment and review period, from the **22 April 2021 until the 24 May 2021 (both days inclusive)**, taking into consideration Chapter 2 Regulation 3 (1); (2) and (3) of the NEMA, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998). Comments received from the public will be incorporated, addressed and responded to in the Final Basic Assessment Report.

The HIA has been updated to reflect the project description update and has therefore been uploaded again.

Please confirm if the final comment as provided on 12 November 2020 is still applicable for this application.

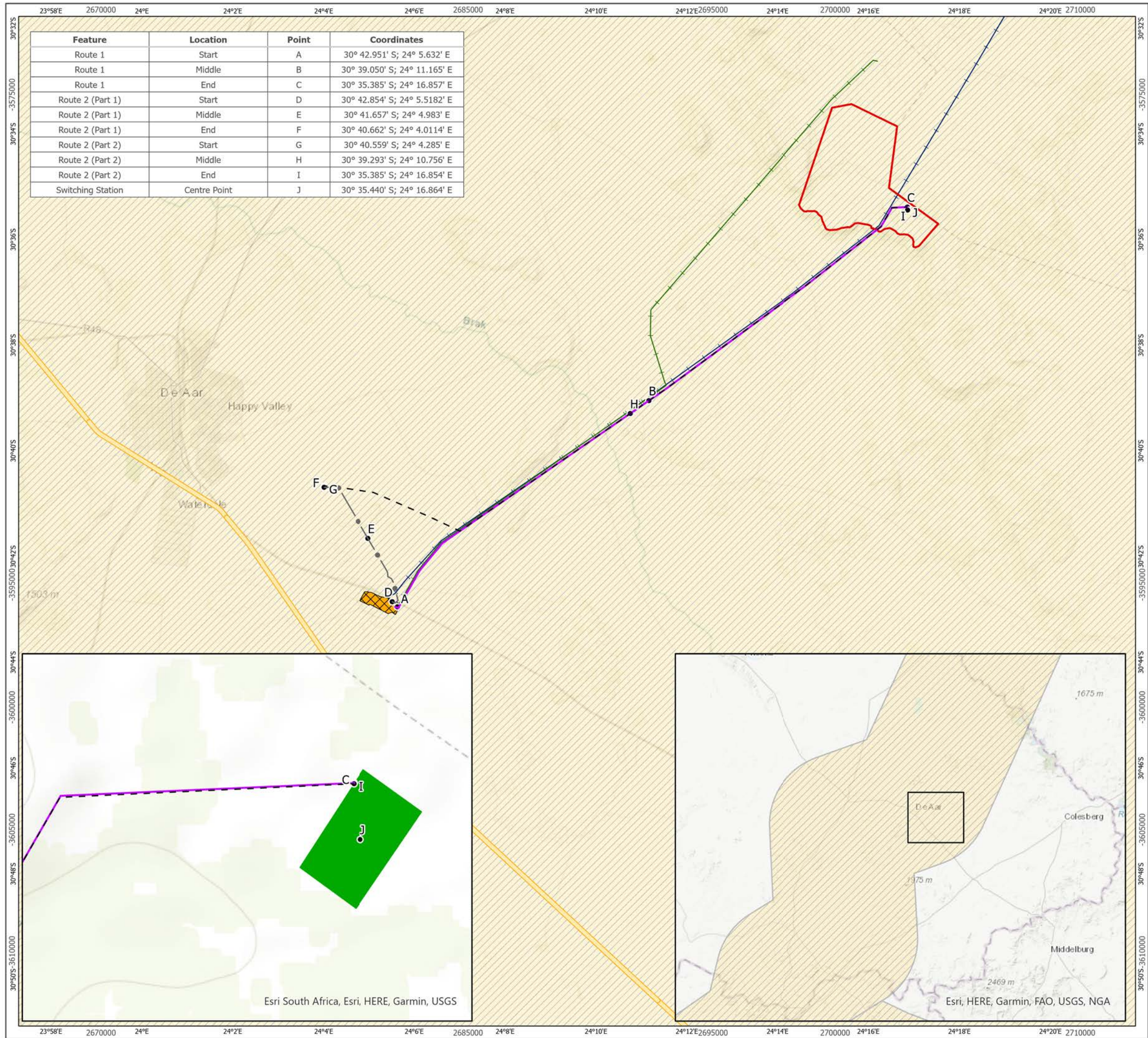
Please feel free to contact the undersigned should you have any queries.

Kind Regards,

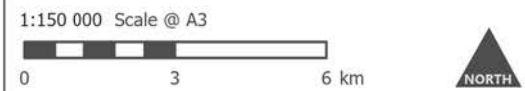
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- Proposed Switching Station
- Proposed Transmission Lines
  - Route 1 (Preferred Alternative)
  - Route 2 (Part 1) (Alternative 1)
  - Route 2 (Part 2) (Alternative 1)
- Central Strategic Transmission Corridor
- De Aar South WEF
- Existing Hydra Roodekuil 220kV Transmission Line
- Existing Longyuan Mulilo De Aar 2 North WEF Transmission Line
- Existing Eskom Hydra Substation
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**Proposed Development Plan**  
Figure 8.1

**Basic Assessment Report**  
**De Aar 2 South Transmission Line**  
**and Switching Station**