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Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd
Care of Jo-Anne Thomas

Per email: Joanne@savannahsa.com

Dear Jo-Anne

SA Mainstream Renewable Power Developments (Pty) Ltd
Proposed Grid Connection Infrastructure for the Korana PV Facility
Northern Cape Province
Part 2 Amendment

ADDENDUM

This letter serves as an addendum to the original Visual Impact Assessment (VIA) report for the Proposed Korana PV Grid Connection Infrastructure in the Northern Cape Province.

BACKGROUND

SA Mainstream Renewables Developments (Pty) Ltd (hereafter 'Mainstream') is proposing to amend the preferred grid connection alternative authorised for the Korana solar grid connection. Two grid alternatives were assessed in the Basic Assessment (BA) process - Alternative 1A and Alternative 1B. Alternative 1A was Mainstream's preferred route due to the fact that it is linked up with their other grid lines in the area as well as the fact that it did not go through another one of their projects. However, Alternative 1B is the approved option as per the Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued on 18 May 2015 (DFFE Ref.: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1347). Mainstream is now requesting an amendment of the EA such that Alternative 1A is authorised, as opposed to the currently approved Alternative 1B based on the above reasoning. As this is considered a change in scope of the EA, a Part 2 EA amendment process is required.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

There will be no significant change to the development footprint or dimensions of the infrastructure associated with the above amendment.

The amendment will not alter the area of potential visual exposure and is therefore **not expected to alter** the influence of the grid connection infrastructure on *areas of higher viewer incidence* (observers traveling along the national, arterial/main, or major secondary roads within the region) or *potential sensitive visual receptors* (residents of homesteads in close proximity to the grid connection infrastructure).

In consideration of the proposed amendment, there are no (zero) changes to the significance ratings compared with the original Basic Assessment (BA) VIA report and no

additional visual impacts are envisaged. In addition to this, no new mitigation measures are required.

The proposed amendment is expected to have a neutral effect from a visual impact perspective i.e., no advantages or disadvantages are expected.

It is therefore suggested that the proposed amendment be supported, subject to the conditions and recommendations as stipulated in the original Environmental Authorisation, and according to the Environmental Management Programme and suggested mitigation measures, as provided in the original VIA report.

Feel free to contact me at any time, should you have any queries.

Kind regards.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. du P.' with a stylized flourish.

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