

19th November 2021

CSIR Environmental Management Services**ATTENTION: TO WHO IT MAY CONCERN**

Dear Sir/Madam,

PEER REVIEW OF BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED SQUARE KILOMETRE ARRAY (SKA) FIBRE OPTIC CABLE BETWEEN BEAUFORT WEST AND CARNARVON

I (Edward Perry) can attest that I acted as an independent peer review environmental assessment practitioner for this project. I have the necessary knowledge and experience to undertake this review being a registered Environmental Assessment Practitioner with the Environmental Assessment Practitioner Association of South Africa (2019-1210). Neither I as an individual, nor SLR Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd has a vested interest in the proposed project other than contractually agreed payment for the review.

I undertook a review of the following documents providing comments to CSIR Environmental Management Services that, where applicable, were incorporated into the documents that are required to be submitted as part of this application.

- Draft and Final Basic Assessment Report (BAR).
- Draft and Final Environmental Management Programme.
- Public Participation Proof.
- Authority Consultation and Comments.
- Comments Received Proof.
- Comments and Response Report.
- Environmental Assessment (EA) application.
- Terrestrial Ecology Biodiversity and Species Specialist Assessment.
- Aquatic Ecology, Biodiversity and Species Specialist Assessment.
- Heritage Impact Assessment.
- Visual Impact Specialist Assessment.
- Archaeological Specialist Study.
- Palaeontological Specialist Study.
- Specialist declarations and other Appendices.



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The BAR and EA application adequately describe; the baseline environment associated with the proposed project, the activities that will be undertaken as part of the proposed project, the possible impacts on the environment by the proposed project, and the mitigation measures required to minimise these impacts. It is confirmed that the BAR and the EA application contain the necessary information as required by the EIA Regulations, (GNR 982 of 2014) as amended.

The information contained within the BAR, EA application, and specialist reports have not been independently verified but is assumed that the information is accurate and correct in accordance with the EAP and Specialist declarations.

It is the opinion of the reviewer that the information contained in the application and associated documents contains sufficient information for the competent authority to come to a decision on the application.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edward Perry'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'E' and 'P'.

Edward Perry

28th July 2021

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- Public Participation Process Plan.
- Pre-application meeting 2 presentation.
- Pre-app meeting 2 notes.
- Draft Basic Assessment Report.
- Draft Environmental Management Programme.
- Newspaper advertisement.
- Site notice.
- Letter 1 notification to Interested and Affected Parties.
- EA application.

I can declare that I do not have any vested interest in the proposed activity beyond being paid a reasonable fee for the work undertaken.

Yours faithfully



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