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PER E-MAIL

Dear Ms Mtsweni

COMMENTS ON THE PART 2 EA AMENDMENT MOTIVATION REPORT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 100MW COMMERCIAL SOLAR ELECTRICITY GENERATION FACILITY AND ITS INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING CONTAINERISED LITHIUM-ION BATTERY STORAGE AND GAS TURBINES AND ASSOCIATED FUEL STORAGE, ON THE FARM WASCHKLIP 183 (SOVENTIX SA SALDANHA 1), WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation has reviewed and evaluated the aforementioned report.

According to different specialist updates, the proposed EA amendment will not result in any additional impacts. Therefore, the Directorate Biodiversity Conservation does not have any objection to the proposed amendment application, however the final EA amendment report must include the layout plan and the sensitivity map showing the exact location of the battery storage as well as gas turbine electricity generation (and associated fuel storage).

NB: The Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA for review and queries should be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email; <a href="mailto:BCAdmin@environment.gov.za">BCAdmin@environment.gov.za</a> for attention of Mr. Seoka Lekota.

Yours faithfully

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