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Final Comment

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: MTN (Pty) Ltd

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Proposed 2AFRICA/GERA (East) submarine fibre optics cable system to be landed at Duynefontein, City of Cape Town, Western Cape.

The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) would like to thank you for submitting the Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report (FEIAR) for the proposed 2AFRICA/GERA (East) submarine fibre optic cable system to be landed at Duynefontein, City of Cape Town, Western Cape, South Africa.

SAHRA previously commented on the Draft EIAR in June 2021 and made recommendations for amendments to the document as well as to the DEMPr and the Heritage Impact Assessment. SAHRA is pleased to note that the recommended amendments to the documents have been accepted and addressed. SAHRA is satisfied that Maritime and Underwater Cultural heritage has been sufficiently addressed within the FEIAR and supports the recommendations for mitigation measures as set out in section 10.6.4 of the report as well as section 6.1.3 of the EMPr. These measures must be adhered to especially in the event that any cultural heritage should come to light.

Should any shipwrecks be identified as part of this project then SAHRA must be notified to enable the information to be added to the national shipwreck database. Any new discoveries or updated data is a valuable resource in adding to our knowledge of South Africa's maritime history.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted

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Yours faithfully

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Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.
3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.