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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Mr Mervin Chetty
Liquid Telecom

METISS is a proposed new subsea fibre optic cable system that will connect Mauritius to South Africa and provide high-speed connectivity of 24 terabytes per second to the global telecommunications network and low latency access to enhance business operations across multiple industries.

The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) would like to thank you for submitting the Final Scoping Report for the METISS Subsea Cable System.

The applicant proposes to install a new subsea fibre optic cable connecting Mauritius to South Africa. The cable will run approximately 538 km (inclusive of Territorial Waters and Economic Exclusive Zone (EEZ)). The system includes a 14 mm to 35 mm diameter subsea cable that will enter the South African EEZ (approximately 370 km from the seashore) and continue through Territorial Waters (approximately 22 km from the seashore), to a landing site at Amanzimtoti Pipeline Beach in KwaZulu-Natal.

SAHRA commented on the Draft Scoping Report in February 2019 and is pleased to note that the comments have been addressed both in Appendix C and in the Final Scoping Report. SAHRA looks forward to receiving the Maritime and Underwater Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment once it has been uploaded onto SAHRIS as part of the Draft EIA.

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

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.