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Final Comment

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

Attention: Sadick Davids
Coega Development Corporation (Pty) Ltd
Corner Alcyon & Zibuko St, Zone 1, Coega SEZ, Port Elizabeth, 6100

The Coega Development Corporation (CDC) proposes to develop a gas to power project, including three power plants and associated infrastructure, within the Coega Special Economic Zone (SEZ). SRK Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd (SRK) has been appointed by CDC, as the independent environmental consultants to assess the environmental impacts of the proposed development according in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA) 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The overall project would broadly involve the following components: • A Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminal, consisting of a berth with off-loading arms within the Port of Ngqura, cryogenic pipelines, storage and handling facilities and re-gasification modules (both on and off-shore); • Gas pipelines and distribution hub, for the transmission, distribution and reticulation of natural gas within the Coega SEZ and Port of Ngqura; • Three Gas to Power plants, each with a 1000 MW generation capacity (specific generation technologies may vary); and • Electricity transmission connecting powerlines to evacuate electricity to the previously approved 400 kV lines in the SEZ

The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) would like to thank you for submitting the final Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the Proposed Coega Integrated Gas-to-Power Project: Gas Infrastructure within the Coega SEZ, Eastern Cape, South Africa.

SAHRA commented on the Draft EIA in April 2021 and noted that the proposed development for the FSRUs, jetty and pipelines all take place within the Port of Ngqura which has seen a high level of activity as it is a recent development. Development and dredging of the area meant that the MUCH unit at SAHRA considered the possibility of any impact on maritime heritage resources to be low.

The recommendation made by SAHRA in the issued comment was that section 6.6.5 of the DEIA, which addresses management and mitigation measures relating to heritage, needed to be updated to include references to maritime heritage. In particular SAHRA insisted that maritime heritage was addressed in the

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measures so that construction personnel are aware that maritime heritage could be encountered. Furthermore, as maritime heritage is a national competence, should historic remains be uncovered during the project, all works must cease and may not commence until SAHRA has been contacted to advise the way forward.

Having reviewed the final EIA SAHRA is pleased to note that maritime heritage has now been addressed as requested. Section 6.6.5 now refers to maritime heritage and includes measures to be undertaken during the proposed project. SAHRA supports these additions and emphasises that the recommendations set out in section 6.6.5 must be adhered to should any cultural heritage come to light. The recommendations must also be included in any EMPr produced for the project.

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 above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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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.