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**SPRINGBOK SOLAR POWER PLANT (RF) (PTY) LTD.**  
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**To whom it may concern:**

**SPECIALIST INPUT FOR THE BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT (BAR): AS PART OF  
THE ADDITION TO THE AUTHORISED 150MW SPRINGBOK PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV)  
SOLAR FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR  
WELKOM/VIRGINIA, FREE STATE PROVINCE**

1. The 2021 Paleontological Assessment, conducted by Dr. John E. Almond from Natura Viva CC, as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) conducted for the authorised Springbok Solar Power Plant (SPP) (DEA Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2087) on Farm Weltevrede No. 638, within the Matjhabeng Local Municipality and the Lejweleputswa District Municipality, refers.
2. The 2021 Assessment as part of the Environmental Authorisation Amendment process (DFFE Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2087) has been considered by Dr. Almond from Natura Viva CC, original author.
3. The Solar plant is said to commence with construction during 2023. However, to optimize the proposed project, the following activity(ies) are applied for in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended in 2017):
4. The applicant is proposing an Increase of the development footprint within the EIA footprint assessed during the initial EIA for the Springbok Solar Power Plant. As part of the EIA process a wider EIA footprint was assessed for the placement of the solar power plant development footprint. The EIA footprint was 350ha in extent and the development footprint 280ha in extent. The proposed increase in development footprint will be 19.9ha to be placed within the assessed EIA Footprint. It is further confirmed that the entire EIA footprint of 350ha was assessed fully within the initial EIA process by the EAP and the independent specialists.
5. We hereby confirm that the proposed increase in the development footprint will not result in any additional impacts and will not increase the level or nature of the impact, which was initially assessed and considered when application was made for the Springbok SPP EA in 2021. This is based on the fact that all proposed new activities are proposed within the already assessed area for the development (i.e. EIA Footprint). The significance ratings will remain unchanged, and the proposed mitigation and management measures proposed as part of the EIA process will still suffice.
6. Therefore, the 2021 Paleontological Assessment, conducted by Dr. John E. Almond from Natura Viva CC is still relevant and no further assessments/studies are required for the addition

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of the 19.9ha area as part of the development footprint (Refer to the Figure attached to this confirmation letter).

7. We trust you find the above in order. If there are any uncertainties or additional information required, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Kind regards,



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