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**Subject:** SAHRA Case Nr 16107 & 16108 - GENSET EA Amendment Applications  
**Attachments:** De Aar Mulilo Solar Projects GENSET Amendment PIA Statement Letter March 2020.pdf

**Importance:** High

Dear Natasha

Kindly take note that the telephone numbers provided on your website does not work, Thank you for the interim comments which require the following for each of the two projects :-

- Heritage Impact Statement with specific reference to the proposed generators area
- Paleontological Desktop Study

**Please find attached hereto our quest that you please the above requirement based on the following :-**

**Badenhorst PV3 Solar PV Project : 9.9MW Generator (EA Amendment Application)**

**Heritage Impact Statement :-**

- The proposed area where the generator will be placed falls in totality within the laydown area previously assessed and approved from a heritage point of view as part of the PV solar plant application.
- Most importantly, the total extent of the generator site is 2 500m<sup>2</sup>. **The potentially relevant activity is therefore NOT triggered :**

**(c) any development or other activity which will change the character of the site**  
**(i) exceeding 5 000 m<sup>2</sup> in extent; or**

**Palaeontological Desktop Study :-**

Refer to the attached Statement Letter prepared by Dr John E. Almond, Palaeontologist from Natura Viva CC (Palaeontological Impact Assessments & Heritage Management, Natural History Education, Tourism, Research) confirming the following :-

*In view of*

*(1) the generally LOW palaeontological heritage sensitivity of the two relevant PV Sites previously assessed by the author and*

*(2) the relatively very small footprint of only 2 500m<sup>2</sup> each involved here (Figure 1), it is concluded that:*

- *the inclusion of a GENSET facility within the authorised laydown area (Badenhorst PV3) and the previously authorised PV solar farm site (Mulilo PV Solar) will not change the nature or significance of any of the impacts assessed in the original PIA studies;*
- *the proposed GENSET above-ground installations are unlikely to result in any additional direct, indirect or cumulative impacts that were not previously assessed; and*
- *there are no additional management outcomes or mitigation measures in terms of palaeontological heritage that would be applicable to the proposed GENSET facilities.*

*There are therefore no objections on palaeontological heritage grounds to the proposed amendment of the EAs for the inclusion of a 9,9MW generator to each of the two relevant sites. I recommend that no further Paleontological Studies are required for these two applications.*

## Mulilo De Aar PV Project : 9.9MW Generator (EA Amendment Application)

### **Heritage Impact Statement :-**

- The proposed area where the generator will be placed falls in totality within the PV Solar plant area previously assessed and approved from a heritage point of view as part of the PV solar plant application.
- Most importantly, the total extent of the generator site is 2 500m<sup>2</sup>. **The potentially relevant activity is therefore NOT triggered :**

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*There are therefore no objections on palaeontological heritage grounds to the proposed amendment of the EAs for the inclusion of a 9,9MW generator to each of the two relevant sites. I recommend that no further Paleontological Studies are required for these two applications.*

We therefore trust that it would be possible to provide us with final comment on these two applications? If there is any problem in this regard, please phone me on 082 566 4530.

Kind regards  
Annelize Grobler



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