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To whom it may concern,

## BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AT GUNSTFONTEIN WIND ENERGY FACILITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE (DEFF REFERENCE: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2236)

Jenna Lavin conducted the Desktop Heritage Screening Assessment study for the Basic Assessment Application related to the Gunstfontein Battery Energy Storage System (DEFF Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2236). The draft BAR report was received by the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries along with the application form on 16 October 2020. Following the draft BAR disclosure for public review and comment (16 October – 17 November 2020), minor refinements have been made by the proponent to the layout and location of the BESS based on technical considerations and consideration of environmental issues. As the specialist I have reviewed this refined layout and have determined it a minor adjustment of location only. In addition, the refined layout and location of the BESS remains within the 500m assessment zone originally assessed by myself and therefore does not constitute a novel change.

This letter thereby serves to confirm that the refined layout related to the Gunstfontein Battery Energy Storage System (dated December 2020) has no material change on the assessment, findings, impacts (including nature, significance and mitigation measures) and recommendations of the specialist report. From a heritage perspective, the results are identical and the change in location has no material effect on the specialist assessment conducted for the project. The recommendations and findings of the report therefore apply without modification to the refined layout.

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