

## SPECIALIST DECLARATION

Name of specialist: Anton Johan Pelsler (APELSER ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONSULTING cc)

Area of expertise: Heritage Impact Assessment & Archaeology

This declaration serves to confirm that I undertook a specialist assessment for the environmental and water use authorization for the Soventix – De Aar 225MW Solar PV project, Northern Cape Province.

I confirm that I am aware of the Part 1 amendment that was approved to increase the generation capacity from 225MW to 300MW with no increase in footprint nor change in scope of the project; and that the increased generation capacity is due to higher efficiency solar panels which will now be used.

I also confirm that I am aware of a Part 2 amendment application that was submitted to allow for battery storage on the site, as well as Gas Turbine electricity generation that will act as a backup to the solar PV.

I also confirm that I am aware of an additional Part 2 amendment application underway to include aspects not included in the original application nor previous amendments. The additional scope relates to 1. A proposed “staging area” which will act as an access control point as well as offloading area for large equipment not able to successfully cross the existing Transnet railway line; 2. An additional access route to the development footprint along existing farm roads, which will require some upgrades to accommodate project-related vehicles, 3. Increase in the sub-station footprint and shift in location; and 4. Additional 132kV switching-yard sub-station.

I hereby declare that I do not have an objection to the Part 2 amendment and confirm that additional specialist inputs will not be necessary from myself. The location of all heritage sites has already been identified in my baseline assessment, and was accordingly avoided in the scope of the Part 2 amendment. It would therefore be unnecessary to conduct any further fieldwork from a Cultural Heritage Perspective.

Yours faithfully,

Anton Pelsler



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