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Ms. Jo-Anne Thomas Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd. P.O. Box 148 Sunninghill 2157

Dear Sir

THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A BIOMASS CO-FIRING DEMONSTRATION FACILITY AT THE ARNOT POWER STATION, MPUMALANGA

Thank you for your indication that development is to take place in this area.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999, heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. This means that before such sites are disturbed by development it is incumbent on the developer (or mine) to ensure that a **Heritage Impact Assessment** is done. This must include the archaeological component (Phase 1) and any other applicable heritage components. Appropriate (Phase 2) mitigation, which involves recording, sampling and dating sites that are to be destroyed, must be done as required.

Since the development will proceed within the footprint of the Arnot Power Station facility, a Heritage Impact Assessment will not be necessary for this particular project. However, if archaeological or any other heritage resources are found during construction activities SAHRA APM (Mr. Phillip Hine, Mrs. Colette Scheermeyer, 021462 4502), must be alerted immediately and an archaeologist/palaeontologist contacted to inspect the findings. If the identified heritage

resources are deemed significant than a Phase 2 mitigation may be necessary. The inspection and mitigation must be done at the expense of the developer.

Yours sincerely

PP Colette Scheermeyer

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