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Dear Mr. Gordon

## RE: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED CONVENTIONAL NUCLEAR POWER STATION (NUCLEAR-1 ) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE (DEA REFERENCE 12/12/20/944) - INDEPENDENCE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER

Your letter dated 25 January 2013 (and received on 29 January 2013) in response to GIBBs letter dated 22 June 2012, as well as correspondence dated 10 May 2010 and 22 June 201 between GIBB and the Department has reference.

I hereby note the Department's opinion that I, as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) for the proposed Conventional Nuclear Power Station (Nuclear-1) am deemed independent and that all issues raised in this regard have been fully and finally addressed to the competent authority's satisfaction.

Yours faithfully GIBB (Pty) Ltd

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