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Directorate: Coordination, Strategic Planning and Support
Department of Environmental Affairs

Attention: Ms. Thulisile Nyalunga
DEA Reference number: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2080

Environment House
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APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE ESKOM WESTRAND STRENGTHENING PHASE II PROJECT

1. The comments received from your department on the revised draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (DEIAR - DEA Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2080) dated 15 November 2021, refer. This letter serves to address these comments and indicate how they were incorporated into the final EIAR.
2. Attached to this letter, please find herewith the final EIAR with relevant appendices.
3. We respond as follows to sections a) to d) in the comments letter from your department:
 - 3.1 In relation to section a) bullet one: We confirm that the project description provides for the specified activities in Listing Notice 3, a description of how the activity is triggered within the particular geographical designed area were included (refer to sections 5.1 and 3.1.1 of the Final EIAR attached). Related maps indicating the sensitive areas were also included in Appendix B9 to B11.
 - 3.2 In relation to section a) bullet two: We confirm that the width and length of the corridors as per section 5.1 of the final EIAR and Appendix G are as follow:
 - Corridor 1 would be ±40km in length and 2 km wide although only a 55m servitude will be registered.
 - Corridor 2 would be ±38km long and 2 km wide although only a 55m servitude will be registered.
 - Corridor 3, as the preferred alternative, would be ±45km long and 2 km wide although only a 55m servitude will be registered.
 - 3.3 In relation to section b) bullet one: Please find attached as Appendix B1 the locality plan with the preferred corridors as requested.
 - 3.4 In relation to section c) bullet one: We herewith confirm that ongoing communication with registered I&APs and key stakeholders were maintained throughout the application process (refer to section 9 of the attached final EIAR for

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a description of the public participation process). Furthermore, we confirm that the revised EIAR was circulated to registered I&APs and key stakeholders on 18 October 2021 (refer to Appendix E6). Comments received from I&APs and stakeholders are captured and responded to in the Comments and Response Report (refer to Appendix E8). As requested, the interim and final comments from SAHRA was included in the Comments and Response Report.

3.5 In relation to section d): We herewith confirm that an undertaking under oath of affirmation by the EAP is included in section 12 of the final EIAR.

4. We trust that you find the above in order. If there are any uncertainties or additional information required please feel free to contact the undersigned or Charlotte Cilliers, Environmental Specialist, from our office at charlotte@resoluteenviro.co.za or on +27 72 573 8962.

Kind regards



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