

DEADP Reference No: 16/3/3/2/A3/54/2018/24

08 October 2024

Dear Sir / Madam,

**RE: PROPOSED PAARDEVLEI SOLAR PV & BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM
PROJECT**

The Ecological specialist assessment completed for the proposed Paardevlei Solar & BESS project (in support of the Scoping & EIA Process) refers.

Following the recent public participation process completed for the EIA Phase of the project, the Project Applicant (City of Cape Town) has decided to exclude the land portion, namely Area 2 (80 ha) from the original Site Development Plan (as was presented to the Interested & Affected Parties in the previous Draft EIA Report, dated August 2024).

An updated Site Development Plan (dated October 2024), where the proposed Solar panels & BESS will only be developed on Area 1 (38 ha) & Area 3 (34 ha) will be included in a Revised EIA Report for an additional round of public consultation.

Please note that the nature and level of impacts assessed, and proposed mitigation measures listed in my previous specialist assessment for Area 1 & Area 3 will remain unchanged and therefore applicable to the updated Site Development Plan (dated October 2024).

Should you wish to confirm the contents of this letter, you can contact me on:

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Yours Faithfully,

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