

## APPENDIX 7:

### DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST AND SPECIALIST

#### NORM FOR THE EXCLUSION OF IDENTIFIED ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF BATTERY STORAGE FACILITIES IN AREAS OF LOW OR MEDIUM ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY

##### Declaration by environmental scientist or specialist<sup>1</sup>

I, **Johann Lanz**, declare that –

- I act as the independent environmental assessment practitioner/environmental scientist or specialist in the registration process in terms of the *Norm for the Exclusion of Identified Activities Associated with the Development and Expansion of Battery Storage Facilities in areas of low or medium environmental sensitivity*;
- I have expertise in conducting environmental impact assessments and specialist assessments, including knowledge of the Act,<sup>2</sup> the *Norm for the Exclusion of Identified Activities Associated with the Development and Expansion of Battery Storage Facilities in areas of low or medium environmental sensitivity*, guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity and professional knowledge in the relevant environmental theme for which I am the environmental assessment practitioner/environmental scientist or specialist;
- I have complied with the Act, the *Norm for the Exclusion of Identified Activities Associated with the Development and Expansion of Battery Storage Facilities in areas of low or medium environmental sensitivity* and all other applicable legislation related to my area of expertise;
- I have performed the work relating to the registration process required in terms of the *Norm for the Exclusion of Identified Activities Associated with the Development and Expansion of Battery Storage Facilities in areas of low or medium environmental sensitivity*, in an objective manner;
- I have taken into account, to the extent possible, the requirements of the *Norm for the Exclusion of Identified Activities Associated with the Development and Expansion of Battery Storage Facilities in areas of low or medium environmental sensitivity*, matters listed in regulation 13(1) of the EIA Regulations, read in the context of the Norm, when fulfilling the site sensitivity verification requirements, the consultation process and preparing the reports relating to this registration process;
- I have disclosed to the proponent/developer all material information in my possession that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing this registration process; and the objectivity of any site sensitivity verification, report, plan or document to be prepared by myself to support the registration process, unless access to that information is protected by law, in which case, I have indicated that such information exists and will be provided to the competent authority as part of the registration process; and
- I have performed all obligations as expected from an environmental assessment practitioner or environmental scientist or specialist in terms of the registration process in terms of the *Norm for the Exclusion of Identified Activities Associated with the Development and Expansion of Battery Storage Facilities in areas of low or medium environmental sensitivity*.

**Disclosure of vested interest (delete whichever is not applicable)**

<sup>1</sup> Delete information which is not applicable throughout the declaration.

<sup>2</sup> The National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998).

I do not have any vested interest (either business, financial, personal or other) in the proposed activity proceeding other than remuneration for work performed in terms of the Norm for the Exclusion of Identified Activities Associated with the Development and Expansion of Battery Storage Facilities in areas of low or medium environmental sensitivity;

OR

~~I have a vested interest in the proposed activity proceeding, such vested interest being:~~

Signature of the environmental scientist or specialist

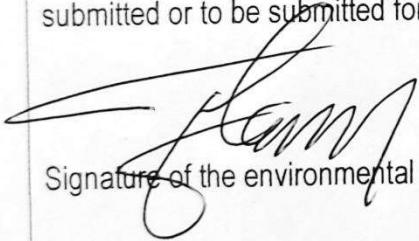
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Date 16 April 2024



**Undertaking under Oath or Affirmation**

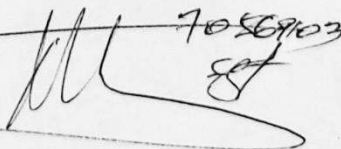
I, Johann Lantz, swear under oath / affirm that all the information submitted or to be submitted for the purposes of this registration is true and correct.



Signature of the environmental scientist or specialist

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Signature of the Commissioner of Oaths 

Date 2024/04/16

