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## forestry, fisheries & the environment

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## Appendix 2: Specialist declaration form August 2023

Specialist Declaration form for assessments undertaken for application for authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended (the Regulations)

### REPORT TITLE: THE PROPOSED KAREEKLOOF ENERGY132KV GRID CONNECTION, NEAR PHILIPSTOWN, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

#### Kindly note the following:

1. This form must always be used for assessment that are in support of applications that must be subjected to Basic Assessment or Scoping & Environmental Impact Reporting, where this Department is the Competent Authority.
2. This form is current as of August 2023. It is the responsibility of the Applicant / Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to ascertain whether subsequent versions of the form have been published or produced by the Competent Authority. The latest available Departmental templates are available at <https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms>.
3. An electronic copy of the signed declaration form must be appended to all Draft and Final Reports submitted to the department for consideration.
4. The specialist must be aware of and comply with '*the Procedures for the assessment and minimum criteria for reporting on identified environmental themes in terms of sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the act, when applying for environmental authorisation - GN 320/2020*', where applicable.

#### 1. SPECIALIST INFORMATION

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| Title of Specialist Assessment         | Agricultural Assessment  |
| Specialist Company Name                | SoilZA – sole proprietor   |
| Specialist Name                        | Johann Lanz  |
| Specialist Identity Number             | 6607045174089  |
| Specialist Qualifications:             | M.Sc. (Environmental Geochemistry)   |
| Professional affiliation/registration: | Registered Professional Natural Scientist (Pr.Sci.Nat.) Reg. no. 400268/12<br>Member of the Soil Science Society of South Africa |
| Physical address:                      | 1a Wolfe Street, Wynberg, Cape Town, 7800  |
| Postal address:                        | 1a Wolfe Street, Wynberg, Cape Town, 7800  |
| Telephone                              | Not applicable   |
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| E-mail                                 | johann@soilza.co.za  |

## 2. DECLARATION BY THE SPECIALIST

I, **Johann Lanz** declare that –

- I act as the independent specialist in this application;
- I am aware of the procedures and requirements for the assessment and minimum criteria for reporting on identified environmental themes in terms of sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998, as amended, when applying for environmental authorisation which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. “the Protocols”) and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020.
- I will perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the applicant;
- I declare that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity in performing such work;
- I have expertise in conducting the specialist report relevant to this application, including knowledge of the Act, Regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity;
- I will comply with the Act, Regulations and all other applicable legislation;
- I have no, and will not engage in, conflicting interests in the undertaking of the activity;
- I undertake to disclose to the applicant and the competent authority all material information in my possession that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing –
  - any decision to be taken with respect to the application by the competent authority; and;
  - the objectivity of any report, plan or document to be prepared by myself for submission to the competent authority;
- All the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct; and
- I realise that a false declaration is an offence in terms of Regulation 48 and is punishable in terms of section 24F of the NEMA Act.



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Signature of the Specialist

SoilZA (sole proprietor)

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Name of Company:

9 July 2024

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Date

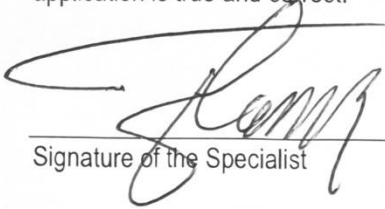
**SPECIALIST DECLARATION FORM – AUGUST 2023**

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**3. UNDERTAKING UNDER OATH/ AFFIRMATION**

I, **Johann Lanz**, swear under oath that all the information submitted or to be submitted for the purposes of this application is true and correct.



Signature of the Specialist

**SoilZA – sole proprietor**

Name of Company

9 July 2024

Date

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Signature of the Commissioner of Oaths

09 - July 2024 at 10H00

Date

**Disclaimer by specialists**

We,

| Luke Verburgt   | Elena Reljic   |
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| <i>Pr. Sci. Nat.</i>  | <i>Pr. Sci. Nat.</i>   |
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declare, that the work presented in this report is our own and has not been influenced in any way by the developer or the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP). At no point has the developer asked us as specialists to manipulate the results in order to make it more favourable for the proposed development. We consider ourselves bound to the rules and ethics of the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (SACNASP) and the EIA Regulations (2014, as amended). We have the necessary qualifications and expertise (*Pr. Sci. Nat. Zoological Science*) for developing this specialist report.

## Declaration¶

I, Russell Tate, declare that:¶

- → I act as the independent specialist in this study;¶
- → I will perform the work relating to the study in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the applicant;¶
- → I declare that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity in performing such work; ¶
- → I have expertise in conducting the science relevant to this study, including knowledge of the Act, regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the study; ¶
- → I will comply with the Act, regulations and all other applicable legislation; ¶
- → I have no, and will not engage in, conflicting interests in the undertaking of the study; ¶
- → All the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct; and ¶
- → I realise that a false declaration is an offence in terms of Regulation 71 and is punishable in terms of Section 24F of the Act.¶
- → Please refer to appendix A for the specialist CV.¶

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Russell Tate¶

Water Resource Specialist¶

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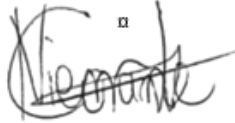
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