

## 1.2. DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

I, **Antonia Belcher**, as the appointed specialist hereby declare/affirm the correctness of the information provided or to be provided as part of the application, and that I:

- in terms of the general requirement to be independent:
  - other than fair remuneration for work performed/to be performed in terms of this application, have no business, financial, personal or other interest in the activity or application and that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity; or
  - ~~am not independent, but another specialist that meets the general requirements set out in Regulation 13 of GN No. 326 have been appointed to review my work (Note: a declaration by the review specialist must be submitted);~~
- in terms of the remainder of the general requirements for a specialist, am fully aware of and meet all of the requirements and that failure to comply with any the requirements may result in disqualification;
- have disclosed/will disclose, to the Applicant, the Department and registered interested and affected parties, all material information that have or may have the potential to influence the decision of the Department or the objectivity of any report, plan or document prepared or to be prepared as part of the application;
- have ensured/will ensure that information containing all relevant facts in respect of the application was/will be distributed or was/will be made available to interested and affected parties and the public and that participation was/will be facilitated in such a manner that all interested and affected parties were/will be provided with a reasonable opportunity to participate and to provide comments;
- have ensured/will ensure that the comments of all interested and affected parties were/will be considered, recorded and submitted to the Department in respect of the application; and
- am aware that a false declaration is an offence in terms of Regulation 48 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

**Date:** 12 August 2023

**Name of company:** -

**Signature of the specialists:**



## APPENDIX 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

Johann Lanz – Soil Scientist (sole proprietor)

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Name of Company:

5 September 2023

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Date

## Specialist Details

Specialist Details   Jonathan Colville -- Terrestrial Ecologist & Faunal Surveys	
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<b>Areas of Specialisation</b>	Terrestrial faunal ecology and conservation

Jonathan Colville of Terrestrial Ecologist & Faunal Surveys has over fourteen years post-PhD experience in the fields of terrestrial ecology, including investigating the spatial patterns of South Africa's animal and plant diversity. Between 2009 and 2019, Jonathan was involved with the South African National Biodiversity Institute's (SANBI) Biodiversity, Research, Assessment and Monitoring Division (BRAM) undertaking ecological research on South Africa's animal and plant diversity. Since 2020 Jonathan has been operating as a specialist faunal consultant for EIAs and conservation projects. A detailed CV is provided below in Appendix 1.

### Signed Statement of Independence:

In terms of Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act of 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, specialists involved in Environment Assessment Processes must declare their independence and provide their contact details, relevant experience, and a curriculum vitae.

I, Jonathan F. Colville, as the appointed independent specialists, do hereby declare that I am financially and otherwise independent of the client and their EAP, and that all opinions expressed in this document are my own and based on my scientific and professional knowledge, and available information.



Jonathan F. Colville

# 1 DFFE SPECIALIST REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

## 1.1 Specialist declaration of independence

The DFFE specialist declaration of independence has been signed and provided to Cape EAPrac.

Table 1. Specialist declaration of independence.

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## 1.2 Site Sensitivity Verification

In order to assess the site sensitivity pertaining to landscape and visual resources, a **site visit that was undertaken on 10 June 2023**. During the survey, photographs and comments were recorded and can be viewed in Annexure A, with the associated map of the survey points as well as the survey tracks. The following maps and tables outline the risks as informed by DFFE Screening Tool as well as the site visit.

In terms of Part A of the Assessment Protocols published in GN 320 on 20 March 2020, site sensitivity verification is required relevant to the DFFE Screening Tool. As indicated in Figure 1 below, the Map of Relative Landscape (Solar).