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LETTER OF NO OBJECTION: 250MW SOLAR PV FACILITY NEAR BEAUFORT WEST, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

1. The Upgrade Energy Africa (Pty) Ltd letter dated 01 November 2023, requesting a Letter of No Objection from the Department of Defence (DOD) on behalf of Beaufort West Solar PV Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd in respect of the proposed development of the 250MW Solar PV Facility near Beaufort West in the Western Cape Province has reference.
2. The following procedures are applied by the DOD to evaluate the potential impact of the intended development on the DOD:
 - a. Potential Impact on Landwards Activities. The potential impact of the intended development on landwards force preparation, employment and support is evaluated at the hand of the proximity of the intended development to military training areas and base areas; and possible limitations on the landwards movement and deployment of forces.
 - b. Potential Impact on DOD Communication Installations. The potential impact of the intended development on DOD communication installation is evaluated by ascertaining whether the intended development intrudes into the DOD specified buffers around communication installations, as specified by the DOD Command Management and Information Services (CMIS) Division.
 - c. Potential Impact on DOD Aviation Routes and Flight Safety. The potential impact of the intended development on military aviation is discussed and evaluated amongst applicable specialists from the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) and the South African Air Force (SAAF) as part of the proceedings of the Obstacle Evaluation Committee (OEC).



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3. The following was concluded after conducting the various evaluations:

- a. Potential Impact on Landwards Activities. The location of the proposed solar facility is not in the proximity of military infrastructure and it is therefore not expected to have any impacts on the landward activities. Thus, there is no objection on the part of DOD landwards activities.
- b. Potential Impact on DOD Communication Installations. The proposed solar facility does not intrude into the DOD specified buffers around communication installations and communication links and therefore, there is no objection on the part of DOD communication installations.
- c. Potential Impact on DOD Aviation Routes and Flight Safety. The proposed solar facility is located beyond the bounds of any aviation related buffers and holds no implication for the SAAF. Thus, there is no objection on the part of DOD aviation routes and light safety.

4. Hope you will find this in order.

Yours faithfully



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