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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

.Palaeontological Impact Assessment for the expansion of Gromis Substation and its associated infrastructure located on Portion 0 of Farm Dikgat no. 195, within the jurisdiction of Nama Khoi local municipality of the Namakwa District Municipality, 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

Title of Specialist Assessment	Palaeontology
Specialist Company Name	**ISS**
Specialist Name	Prof Marion Bamford
Specialist Identity Number	Click or tap here to enter text.
Specialist Qualifications:	PhD Palaeontology (Wits, 1990)
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2. DECLARATION BY THE SPECIALIST

I, Marion Bamford, 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.

MCBamford

Signature of the Specialist

Click or tap here to enter text.

Name of Company:

05 November 2026

Click or tap to enter a date.

Date

3. UNDERTAKING UNDER OATH/ AFFIRMATION

I, _ Marion Bamford_____, swear under oath / affirm that all the information submitted or to be submitted for the purposes of this application is true and correct.

M E Bamford

Signature of the Specialist

Click or tap here to enter text.

Name of Company

05 November 2026

Click or tap here to enter text.

Date

Click or tap here to enter text.

Signature of the Commissioner of Oaths

05/11/2026

Click or tap to enter a date.

Date

I certify that the DEPONENT has acknowledged that he/she knows and understands the contents of this affidavit, that he/she does not have any objection to taking the oath, and that he/she considers it to be binding on his/her conscience and which was sworn to and signed before me

At: Wits Univ on this day of 05/11/2026

and that the administering oath complied with the regulations contained in Government Gazette No. R1258 of 21 July 1972, as amended

Signature

Names: Ashleigh Davids
Commissioner of Oaths. District of Johannesburg
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