

APPENDIX 7:
**DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER
OR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST AND SPECIALIST**

**NORM FOR THE EXCLUSION OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC
FACILITIES IN AREAS OF LOW OR MEDIUM NEGATIVE SENSITIVITY**

Declaration by environmental assessment practitioner/environmental scientist (EAP/ES) or specialist
I, _____, declare that- *Chire de Jij*

- I act as the independent EAP or ES or specialist in the registration process in terms of the "Norm for the Exclusion of the Development and Expansion of Solar Photovoltaic 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, 29 the Norm for the Exclusion of the Development and Expansion of Solar Photovoltaic 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 EAP/ ES or specialist;
- I have complied with the Act, the Norm for the Exclusion of the Development and Expansion of Solar Photovoltaic 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 in terms of the "Norm for the Exclusion of the Development and Expansion of Solar Photovoltaic 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 the Development and Expansion of Solar Photovoltaic Facilities in Areas of Low or Medium Environmental Sensitivity, matters listed in regulation 13 of the EIA Regulations, read in the context of the Norm, when fulfilling the site sensitivity verification requirement, 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 EAP or ES or specialist in terms of the registration process in terms of the Norm for the Exclusion of the Development and Expansion of Solar Photovoltaic Facilities in Areas of Low or Medium Environmental Sensitivity.

Disclosure of vested interest (delete whichever is not applicable)

- 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 the Development and Expansion of Solar Photovoltaic 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 EAP/ES or specialist

EAP Services
Name of Company (if Applicable)

1 April 2026
Date

Undertaking under Oath or Affirmation

I, Chic de Joubert, 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 of the Environmental Assessment Practitioner or Environmental Scientist or Specialist

EAP Services
Name of Company (if applicable)

1 April 2026
Date

[Signature] DS41390-1
Set.
Signature of the Commissioner of Oaths

Date 2026-04-01

SUID-AFRIKAANSE POLISIE DIENS

SUPPORT COMMANDER

2026 -04- 01

KNYSNA

SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE