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RE: Hercules Solar Cluster:

The Biodiversity Company was commissioned to conduct a terrestrial biodiversity, Avifauna and Freshwater ecology assessments for the proposed development of the Mulilo Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd Hercules Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Cluster Project, Emthanjeni Local Municipality, Pixley Ka Seme District Municipality, Northern Cape Province.

This document serves as an opinion regarding the Gridline aspect of the developments. Following the receipt of the reports from the various specialists, upon further revision and consideration of the sensitivities of the site, the client has amended the gridlines, so as to avoid sensitive receptors along the route. The following is noted:

- As per the original proposal, both of the 132kV Overhead Powerline corridor alignments (per facility) will connect to busbar extension infrastructure to be located at the already approved Kestrel MTS.
- As part of the final alignments, the Northern corridor is considered the preferred alignment; and
- The corridor widths along the northern section of the preferred proposed alignments are approximately 200 m in width, whereas the corridor widths along the southern section of the preferred proposed alignments are approximately 290 m in width.

It is the opinion of the specialists that the revision will not require any additional impacts or mitigations for the gridline reports and is favorably accepted as it was the preferred alternative. The 'fatally flawed' statement of the Avifaunal specialist reports is retracted.

Regards,



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