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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

PROPOSED PHASE 2 GILIMBERG SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN WATERBERG (MOGALAKWENA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY) AND CAPRICORN (POLOKWANE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY) IN THE LIMPOPO 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	Palaeontological Impact Assessment
Specialist Company Name	Umsuka Public Palaeoanthropology Project
Specialist Name	Silindokuhle Mavuso
Specialist Identity Number	Click or tap here to enter text.
Specialist Qualifications:	PhD Geology
Professional affiliation/registration:	
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2. DECLARATION BY THE SPECIALIST

I, **Silindokuhle Mavuso** 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.

Signature of the Specialist

Umsuka Public Palaeoanthropology Project

Name of Company:

07/09/2026

Click or tap to enter a date.

Date

3. UNDERTAKING UNDER OATH/ AFFIRMATION

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

Signature of the Specialist

Umsuka Public Palaeoanthropology Project

Name of Company

02/09/2026

Click or tap here to enter text.

Date

Click or tap here to enter text.

Signature of the Commissioner of Oaths

02/09/2026

Click or tap to enter a date.

Date

SUZETTE FLANAGAN
MANAGER: ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION
Commissioner of Oaths, Sarah Baartman District
Rhodes University, Drostdy Road
Makhanda, 6139

I certify that before administering the Oath affirmation I asked the deponent the following questions which were answered
a. Do you know and understand the contents of this declaration?
b. Do you have any objection to taking the prescribed oath?
c. Do you consider the prescribed oath to be binding on your conscience?
I further certify that the deponent has acknowledge that he/she knows and understands the contents of the deponents signature/mark placed thereon in my presence
Date: 02/09/2026 Signature:
SUZETTE FLANAGAN
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