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ATT: Mr Ian Malloy

Dear Mr Malloy

Addendum to Specialist Botanical Compliance Statement: AMSA Logistic Hub, Saldanha Steel, Saldanha, Western Cape.

This Addendum letter follows on from my Biodiversity Compliance Statement dated 3 Feb 2023. The relevant changes relate to reduced project footprints, all of which are now within previously disturbed areas (see Figure 1). Disturbance areas due to construction activities will be only:

1. the two Warehouse Options (largest disturbance)
2. line CV 102 – new conveyor line
3. transfer station TS-A
4. new tripper conveyor CV-B (overhead conveyor leading to the top of the warehouse).

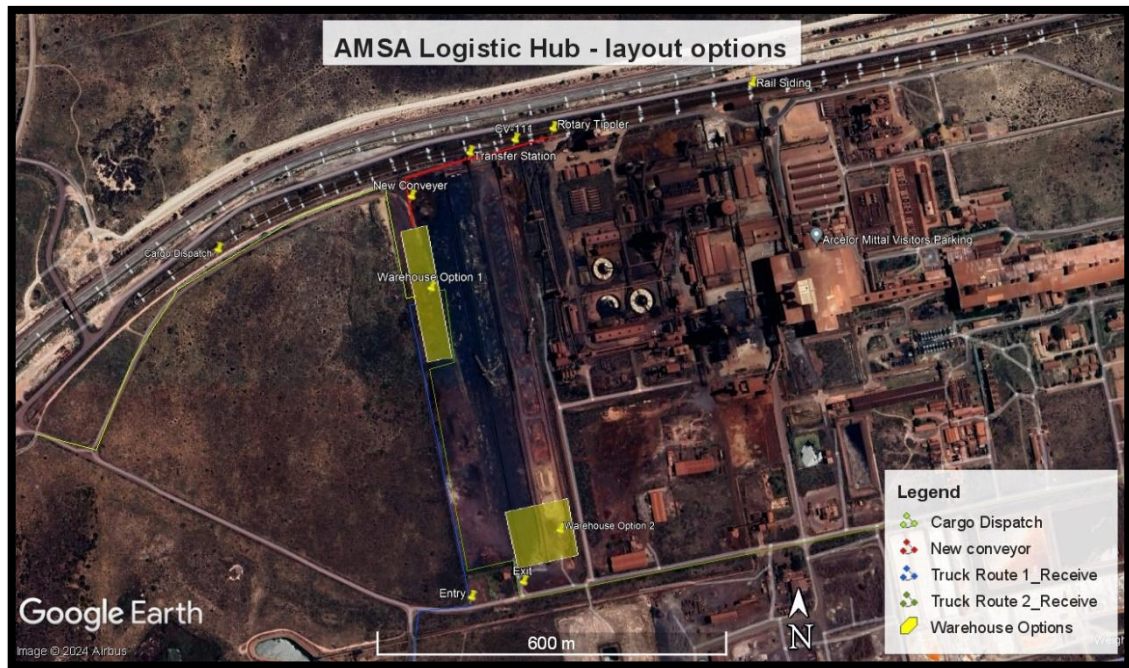


Figure 1: Current layout options.

The refined footprint, all of which is within heavily disturbed areas, with no remaining biodiversity (fauna and flora), will have no negative impact on either fauna or flora. Hence the significance of this revised impact is now **Very Low negative** from a biodiversity perspective, at both the construction and operational phases, and requires no particular mitigation. This is thus different from my original report, where biodiversity impacts were deemed to be of Medium negative significance (both phases), and required some mitigation.

Given the complete lack of likely biodiversity impact due to the revised development footprint no specific mitigation measures are now required, and no biodiversity offset requirement is triggered.

Yours sincerely

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