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By Registered Post and Email
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RE: FUNDAMENTAL FAILURES IN STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT – IMMEDIATE REMEDIAL ACTION REQUIRED

Dear [redacted],

Your latest correspondence once again fails to provide substantive answers to the four fundamental questions on stakeholder engagement posed on 22nd August 2025. Despite multiple opportunities, these essential queries remain completely unaddressed, whilst PCRE continues to claim an unsubstantiated commitment to community engagement.

Further to this, AMASS has become aware that Gravis Planning, presumably acting on your behalf, has circulated a promotional brochure directly to residents. This brochure presents the Bellville Solar Project as a fait accompli, employing marketing language rather than fostering genuine dialogue or addressing the substantial concerns of those most affected. Proper stakeholder engagement does not commence with promotional materials but requires transparent, inclusive, and meaningful consultation.

Additionally, we note with concern that your recent correspondence was sent to a private email address rather than the appropriate AMASS account, and also copied widely. Sending sensitive communications to a private, non-official address risks unintended disclosure to external parties and undermines professional standards. Such conduct is unacceptable in the context of public stakeholder engagement, where confidentiality, proper record-keeping, and transparency are paramount. We insist that all future communications are sent exclusively via the official AMASS email accounts to protect all parties and maintain accountability.

It is evident from this recent mailing that PCRE and its agents are capable of contacting local residents directly, contradicting your previous failure to notify the most impacted households prior to the June consultation, despite public assurances.

AMASS firmly rejects PCRE's current attempts to engage solely with a small representative group. All engagement must be conducted openly, transparently, and include the full community.

Accordingly, AMASS requires:

1. Full and direct written answers to the four outstanding questions:
    a. What methodology will be employed to comprehensively identify all affected stakeholders?
    b. How will direct engagement be ensured with those most significantly impacted?
    c. What steps will be taken to align consultation practices with modern stakeholder engagement standards?
    d. How will the consultation gaps identified to date be addressed?
2. A detailed, written agenda specifying the topics for discussion and identifying all PCRE and Gravis representatives' roles and authority.
3. A decisive shift from unilateral promotional communications to genuine, open engagement where local concerns actively shape the consultation process.

AMASS will continue to publish all correspondence openly, ensuring universal transparency and accountability throughout.

To be clear, AMASS rejects any proposal for private or restricted meetings involving only a small segment of the community or committee members. All future engagement must be public, inclusive, and fully transparent.

We hereby formally demand that you provide written substantive responses to the four outstanding questions within seven days of the date of this letter. Your failure to comply will be interpreted as a refusal to engage in proper stakeholder consultation and will compel AMASS to seek all appropriate remedies including regulatory and political escalation.

We also require your written confirmation of acceptance of a fully public forum with complete community participation within this deadline.

We await your prompt and full response.

Yours sincerely,

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