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Final Comment

In terms of Section of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Beta Solar Power Plant (Pty) Ltd.

P.O. Box 78553 Sandton, 2196

Proposed Beta Photovoltaic Solar Energy Facility on the farm Talana 1241, Registration Division Boshof, Free State Province.

The project entails the proposed development of a photovoltaic solar facility and associated infrastructure on the Remaining Extent of the Farm Talana No. 1241 near Hertzogville in the Free State Province. An Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) and Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) were submitted in support of this application.

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit has already commented on the AIA in an interim comment from 02 March 2015.

Brink, J. A report on a palaeontological field survey of localities proposed for photovoltaic solar energy facilities in the North West Province and in the Free State Province.

The author conducted a field-based Palaeontological Impact Assessment for three proposed solar power plants (Serurubele, Delta and Beta).

Rocks underlying the proposed area for the Beta Power Plant consist of unfossiliferous dolerite. No active drainages were found in the study area and therefore no natural fossil exposures.

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The SAHRA APM Unit has no objections against the proposed development subject to the condition that of any archaeological or palaeontological resources are found during construction activities, the SAHRA APM Unit (Mr. Phillip Hine, Tel. 021 462 4502) and an archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the find, must be alerted immediately to inspect the findings.



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Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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South African Heritage Resources Agency

Phillip Hine

SAHRA Head Archaeologist (Acting) South African Heritage Resources Agency

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Terms & Conditions:

- 1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
- 2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.
- 3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.

