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Dear Dale,

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE RE CAPITAL 3C SOLAR DEVELOPMENT

The client, RE Capital 3C (Pty) Ltd, have proposed an amendment to the RE Capital 3C Solar Development on the Remainder of the farm Dyason's Klip 454 in the Kai Garib local Municipality, Northern Cape.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The proposed amendment entails the construction of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), covering an area of approximately 4ha, adjacent to the on-site substation (within the authorised footprint of the development).

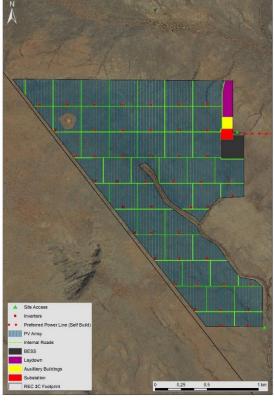


Figure 1: Position of the proposed BESS (in Grey). The Blue hatched areas indicate the total development footprint as authorised.

Heritage Impact of Proposed Amendments

During my study of December 2013, the following observations were made:

Obs No	Location	Landscape description	Archaeological features	Significance
1	28.59667 21.09101	Plain adjacent to localised bedrock exposures.	Widely scattered/isolated stone artefacts (<1 per 10x10 m). Predominantly on jaspilite and most likely Middle Stone Age (MSA)	LOW
				(OUTSIDE
				DEVELOPMENT
				FOOTPRINT)
2	28.59015	Extensive bedrock exposure with !gorras (hollows where water collects).	Twentieth century cement feature most likely related to farming activity/water provision to animals.	LOW
	21.09025			
				(OUTSIDE
				DEVELOPMENT
				FOOTPRINT)
3	28.58968 21.08932	Edge of bedrock exposure.	Higher density of stone artefacts, mainly jaspilite, MSA. Context (lag deposit in drainage line) is poor.	LOW
	21.00302			(OUTSIDE
				DEVELOPMENT
				FOOTPRINT)
4	28.57582	Flat terrain at southern edge of 'central' development footprint.	Isolated stone artefact – density of the order of 1 every few hundred metres.	LOW
•	21.07411			
				WITHIN
				DEVELOPMENT
				FOOTPRINT
5	28.57436	Artificially modified vlei.	Depression in landscape has been artificially deepened (twentieth century farming). Packed stone features at one end.	LOW
	21.07482			
				WITHIN
				DEVELOPMENT
				FOOTPRINT
6	28.56243	Localised bedrock	About five grinding surfaces ranging from definite to less than certain. A small number of stone tools were found in the vicinity, as well as broken bottle glass.	LOW
	21.05805	exposure.		
				WITHIN
				DEVELOPMENT
				FOOTPRINT
7	28.56228	Adjacent to localised	Lower grindstone.	LOW
	21.05834 bedrock	bedrock exposure.		
				WITHIN

				DEVELOPMENT
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8	28.56456	Artificially deepened vlei.	Depression in landscape has been artificially deepened (twentieth century farming).	LOW
	21.06042			
				WITHIN
				DEVELOPMENT
				FOOTPRINT
9	28.55907	Small vlei	Very low density of widely scattered/isolated stone tools (expected higher density at margins of vlei)	LOW
	21.03608			
				WITHIN
				DEVELOPMENT
				FOOTPRINT
10	28.55377	Ruin of mud-brick dwelling.	Collapsed structure, adjacent kraal (28.55408 S 21.04115 E), nearby ash-heap (28.55356 S 21.04116 E). This may have been a farm-workers' dwelling (see Observation 11, next).	LOW
	21.04126			
				(OUTSIDE
				DEVELOPMENT
				FOOTPRINT)
11	28.55748	Ruin of mud-brick dwelling.	Collapsed structure (more substantial than that at 28.55377 S 21.04126 E [Observation 10, above], and includes what may have been a front porch). No definitive ash-heap was found: small quantities of glass, porcelain and metal was found in a swathe around the dwelling.	LOW
	21.04328			
				WITHIN
				DEVELOPMENT
				FOOTPRINT
			Most likely age is mid twentieth century.	

The proposed BESS area does not affect any of the observations listed above.

The impacts identified and assessed previously therefore remain unchanged.

My December 2013 study concluded that as far as archaeological and cultural heritage is concerned, it is recommended that the project may proceed without further mitigation. This conclusion remains applicable to the proposed amendment.

Yours faithfully

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