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South African Heritage Resources Agency
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Your reference 9721
Our reference 13303
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ATTENTION: MS NATASHA HIGGITT

Dear Ms Higgitt,

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE SENDAWO 3 75MW SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITY NEAR VRYBURG, NORTH WEST PROVINCE

This letter refers to the interim comments issued by the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) on 12 July 2016. Kindly note that a Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) was conducted for the proposed project. This PIA was conducted by a qualified palaeontologist (Dr Gideon Groenewald) based on the field work done by Dr Groenewald in February 2016. The PIA was incorporated into the heritage report by Wouter Fourie, the heritage report main author. Dr Groenewald's name was mistakenly omitted from the title block as a co-author along with Wouter and Jessica Angel, which has now been corrected.

The detailed geotechnical investigation will be conducted following the project being selected as a preferred bidder. It is for this reason that the palaeontological recommendations include (among others):

- Based on the results of the Geotechnical survey, micro-siting in the delineated extremely high palaeontological sensitivity area and excavation / collection of fossils may be necessary should the site be mitigated;
- Geotechnical results must be provided to the heritage practitioners and palaeontologist to assess the presence of cave breccias and sink holes over the remainder of the proposed development area.

As requested, the PIA has also been uploaded to SAHRIS. As such, we request that you please issue final comments on the project.

Feel free to contact us if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully,



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