

Date: 16 August 2016

**Attention:** Ms. Ragna Redelstorff  
  
**South African Heritage Resources Agency**  
111 Harrington Street  
Cape Town  
8001

**RE: Kalkaar 132kV Power Line Heritage Impact Assessment**

**Interim Comment: In terms of Section 38 (8) of the National Heritage Resources Act  
(Act 25 of 1999)  
CaseID: 9734**

Dear Ms. Redelstorff,

SolarReserve South Africa (Pty) Ltd and SiVEST Environmental Division thank you for your Interim Comment received on the abovementioned Project.

Our telephone conversation on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August 2016 refers.

The SolarReserve Kalkaar Concentrated Solar Power (CSP) Project was bid under the Department of Energy's (DoE) Renewable Energy Independent Power Procurement Programme (REIPPP) on 11 November 2015. The announcement of Projects has not yet been made and is expected during the later quarter of 2016.

The proposed power line is required to evacuate power from the SolarReserve Kalkaar CSP Project, and the infrastructure will be owned by Eskom. Once the SolarReserve Kalkaar CSP Project has been awarded Preferred Bidder, Eskom will enter into the Budget Quotation Phase with SolarReserve. This phase is when the final routing is determined by Eskom. As such the proposed power line routing is still subject to Eskom's approval.

We are committed to the protection of the environment and have acknowledged your comments and recommendations in the Interim Comment issued for the aforementioned Project dated 26 July 2016.

The final power line routing will only require a 32 meter servitude within the originally assessed 2km area. The design of the power line and the associated infrastructure, including but not limited to the pylon/tower foundation footprints, the service roads will be subject to the process defined below.

SolarReserve would hereby like to commit to the undertaking of the following assessments in response to the conditions provided for in the Interim Comment dated 26 July 2016:

1. Receiving an Environmental Authorisation from the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) on the preferred corridor.
2. Detailed Walk-down of the corridor approved by DEA.
3. Preliminary power line designs, alignment and placement.
4. Revised Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) for Corridor 2 Alternative 1 and 2 with respect to the findings presented, by a qualified independent Heritage Specialist.



5. Field based Palaeontological Assessment (PIA) by a qualified independent Palaeontology Specialist.
6. Final power line design, alignment and placement.
7. Submission of updated HIA and PIA and relevant power line placements to SAHRA.
8. Submission to DEA.

Based on the aforementioned, we request the SAHRA's consideration to issue the Project with your Final Comment.

Please feel free to contact us at any time should you require any further clarification.

Thanking you in advance for your support on the Project.

Sincerely,



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