

# Agricultural development, solar energy facility and reservoir with pipeline, Onseepkans

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## Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

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**Proposed agricultural development with a solar energy facility, a reservoir and pipeline for irrigation scheme, to introduce viable crops within the region, Onseepkans, Khai-Ma Local Municipality, Northern Cape.**

Thank you for the submission of a Phase Archaeological Impact Assessment for the proposed establishment of an agricultural development, solar energy facility, a reservoir and water pipeline on the farm Onseepkans in the Khai-Ma Local Municipality, Northern Cape Province.

*Engelbrecht, J. 2015. Archaeological Impact Assessment For the proposed Agricultural Development at Onseepkans in the Northern, Cape Province.*

According to the Background Information Documents submitted to SAHRA it is not clear if the proposed activities will form part of a single environmental authorisation process or if the various components such as the solar facility will form part of a separate authorisation application.

It is noted that the author of the specialist report is not a specialist in Stone Age archaeology including the archaeology of pastoralism. Although, SAHRA is satisfied that the report submitted complies with SAHRA Minimum Standards, the findings of the report would have benefited from the input of a specialist Stone Age specialist.

The project is situated in an area of low palaeontological sensitivity and no assessment of palaeontological resources is required.

Before SAHRA issues a Final Comment on the proposed developments it is requested that the Environmental Assessment documents be submitted to SAHRA to provide further clarity on the proposal. SAHRA will issue further comments and recommendations upon receipt of the requested documents.

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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

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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.