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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Castle Wind Farm (juwi Renewable Energies (Pty) Ltd initiative)

7 Walter Sosulu Avenue

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PROPOSED 132 kV OVERHEAD POWER LINE FROM THE PROPOSED CASTLE WIND ENERGY FACILITY TO THE ILANGA LETHEMBA SUBSTATION (SOLAR CAPITAL SUBSTATION) OR THE HYDRA SUBSTATION NEAR DE AAR, NORTHERN CAPE

Van der Walt, J. October 2014. Archaeological Impact Assessment for the proposed Castle Wind Energy Facility, De Aar, Northern Cape.

Thank you for submitting the Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment for the above proposed development.

It is noted on page 17 of the Impact Assessment report that the power line alternatives were spot checked, but that it was mostly subjected to desktop assessment. However, on page 18 it is also indicated that the power line corridors were only assessed via desktop research. It is therefore not clear if spot checks were performed. The specialist also do not specify which of the two options would be preferred from a heritage perspective, but indicates that stone age scatters and rock

Because no substantial evidence is provided to provide SAHRA with meaningful confidence to recommend one corridor over the other, the following is recommended:

Recommendations:

1. A Palaeontological Impact Assessment will be required for the Power Line Corridors. At this stage this could be done at a Desktop level to scope the prefer alternative. The preferred alternative must be subject to a final walk-down.
2. A more detailed archaeological desktop assessment must be provided for the corridors. The preferred alternative must be subject to a final walk-down.
3. If significant archaeological/archaeological resources are found, SAHRA (Phillip Hine/Colette Scheermeyer, tel. 021 462 4502) and an archaeologist/palaeontologist must be contacted immediately to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resource is considered significant mitigation may be required. A permit will be required from the responsible heritage resources authority.

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

Powerline from Castle WEF to Ilanga Lethemba Substation



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an agency of the
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above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/314747>
(DEA, Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1351)

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.



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