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Letter

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

Attention:

Rudzani Netshirembe
MGTD Environmental
P. O. Box 2032
Mondeor
2110

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A GRID-CONNECTED 20MW PHOTOVOLTAIC POWERPLANT AND ITS ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON PORTION 434 OF TOWN AND TOWNLANDS 435 IQ, POTCHEFSTROOM, NORTH WEST

Thank you for your indication that development is to take place in this area.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999, heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. This means that before such sites are disturbed by development it is incumbent on the developer to ensure that a Heritage Impact Assessment is done. This must include the archaeological component (Phase 1) and any other applicable heritage components. Appropriate (Phase 2) mitigation, which involves recording, sampling and dating sites that are to be destroyed, must be done as required.

The Letter of Exemption from a Heritage Impact Assessment indicates that this site has already been surveyed in June 2011 and that no heritage resources were identified during this survey. It therefore is unlikely that any significant impacts on heritage resources will result from the construction of the proposed 20 MW Photovoltaic facility.

Decision:

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology & Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objection to the proposed development on the condition that if any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g., remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, marine shell and charcoal/ash concentrations), unmarked human burials, fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during mining activities, SAHRA APM Unit (Katie Smuts/Colette Scheermeyer 021 462 4502) must be alerted immediately, and an accredited professional archaeologist must be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary.



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Please ensure that the Palaeontological assessment requested in the SAHRA review comment of 30 September 2011 is compiled and submitted to SAHRA.

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

Yours faithfully

Kathryn Smuts
Heritage Officer: Archaeology

Colette Scheermeyer
SAHRA Head Archaeologist
South African Heritage Resources Agency

ADMIN:

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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