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Dear Mr Rudzani Netshirembe

**Re: 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 (or mine) 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.

A Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) was conducted for the proposed adjacent 10 MW facility on the same property (Van Vollenhoven, June 2011). This HIA found no heritage resources within the proposed study area and concluded that, due to the degree of disturbance of the site, no impact on heritage resources was likely. The findings of this HIA would seem to indicate that it is unlikely that any significant heritage resources will be located within the larger project area. However, in order to be exempted from compiling a Heritage Impact Assessment for the 20 MW project, the developer must employ a suitably qualified archaeologist to provide a letter of exemption. Once SAHRA receives this letter, the exemption granted to the 10 MW development can be extended to the larger proposal.

Any other heritage resources that may be impacted such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewsapes must also be assessed.

Yours sincerely



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