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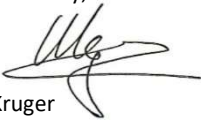
## **ERRATUM: ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (AIA) ON PORTIONS OF THE FARM BLOMSKRAAL 216 FOR THE PROPOSED VIRGINIA 1, 2 & 3 SOLAR PARKS EIA PROJECT, LEJWELEPUTSWA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, FREE STATE PROVINCE (SAHRIS CASE 17402)**

Exigo Sustainability (Pty) Ltd (Exigo) was commissioned by AGES Limpopo to conduct an Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA)<sup>1</sup> study subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for the proposed Virginia 1, 2 & 3 Solar Parks EIA Project in the Free State Province. The project will entail the establishment of three separate PV Solar generating facilities. **Refer to SAHRIS Case 17402** (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/aia-proposed-virginia-3-solar-park-eia-project-lejweleputswa-district-municipality-free-state>)

In the AIA Report, Kruger noted a number of heritage occurrences, including the remains of a small Historical Period settlement within the footprint of the Virginia Solar Park Area 3 which was coded "**Site Exigo-VSP-HP06**". The author rated the site as low heritage significance in the AIA since site holds little remains and is also poorly preserved (refer to p7, p8, p52, p54, p55 and p58 of the AIA Report). It was recommended that the development at the site should be monitored by an informed ECO in order to avoid the destruction of previously undetected heritage remains and potential human burials.

Attention is drawn to an erratum on page 46 of the AIA Report where the Field Rating of **Site Exigo-VSP-HP06** is erroneously indicated as "3. Medium significance". This rating should in fact read as "2a. Low significance" to correspond with this rating assigned to **Site Exigo-VSP-HP06** in the rest of the AIA Report. It should be reiterated that Site Exigo-VSP-HP06 is rated as of Low Significance and the Case Officer assigned to this case is requested to consider this rating when reviewing the Case.

Yours sincerely,



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<sup>1</sup> Kruger, N. 2021. ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (AIA) ON PORTIONS OF THE FARM BLOMSKRAAL 216 FOR THE PROPOSED VIRGINIA 1, 2 & 3 SOLAR PARKS EIA PROJECT, LEJWELEPUTSWA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, FREE STATE PROVINCE. Exigo Sustainability