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Dear Sir

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT (DRAFT EIA) FOR THE PROPOSED SOLAR FARM ON THE REMAINDER OF THE FARM VANGPAN 294-LQ (DEA REF 14/12/16/3/3/2/444 AND NEAS REF DEA/EIA/0001604/2012). (Your ref CaselD: 568).

Thank you for your interim comments dated 09/04/2013.

We wish to enquire regarding the following comments as per page 1 and 2 of your letter dated 09/04/2013 –

“A palaeontological impact assessment was not undertaken for this project unlike what requested by SAHRA in September 2012”.

This concern was addressed in the comments and response report (Table 10) of the Draft EIA Report as follows: A very small bedrock zone of the Mogalakwena Formation, Waterberg Group is located near the northwestern corner of the farm. The footprint of the solar farm lies outside of this area and will not impact upon bedrock. Refer to Section titled Desktop Geotechnical Study of the Draft EIA Report for location of bedrock zone.



Figure 1: Location of Mogalakwena Formation (bedrock) highlighted in yellow

As you will note the footprint of the solar farm lies outside of this area and will not impact upon bedrock.

“Decision: A Palaeontological Impact Assessment must be undertaken for this project or at least a letter of exemption from further palaeontological assessment must be submitted by a professional palaeontologist to SAHRA APM Unit. The development may not proceed before SAHRA has had an opportunity to comment on the palaeontological study”. Please confirm if this is necessary in the light of the fact that the bedrock zone will not be impacted upon by the proposed development?

We look forward to hearing from you soon.
Thank you.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shalini Chetty', written in a cursive style.

Shalini Chetty
For Interdesign Landscape Architects