

Final Comment

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

Attention: BBEntropie (Pty) Ltd

Harmony Tshepong PV Solar Facility

The proposed project "Tshepong" entails the construction of a small-scale photovoltaic (PV) facility and associated infrastructure on the Farm Free State Geduld 448 near Odendaalsrus, Free State Province. This PV facility is part of a larger project "Harmony" of three PV facilities in total.

A Palaeontological Impact Assessment was submitted to the application:

Bamford, July 2015. Palaeontological Impact Assessment for three proposed Photovoltaic Solar facilities for Harmony Gold Mining Company, Odendaalsrus, Free State Province.

The author summarises that the area of the proposed PV facility occurs within layers of the Permian Volksrust Formation, the potentially fossiliferous coals of which are of poor quality and lie too deep to be affected by the proposed development.

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Following the recommendations in the PIA and previously submitted AIA, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit has no objections against the proposed development of the Tshepong PV facility subject to the following conditions:

1. Should any objects of archaeological or palaeontological remains be found during construction activities, work must immediately stop in that area and the ECO must be informed.
2. The ECO must inform the South African Heritage Recourse Agency (SAHRA) and contact an archaeologist and/or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the find, to assess the importance and rescue them if necessary (with the relevant SAHRA permit). No work may be resumed in this area without the permission from the ECO and SAHRA.
3. If the newly discovered heritage resource is considered significant a Phase 2 assessment may be required. A permit from the responsible heritage authority will be needed.

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



above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/289339>

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.

