# **Harmony Tshepong PV Solar Facility**

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# **Final Comment**

In terms of Section 38(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Tshepong Photovoltaic (Pty) Ltd

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The proposed amendment refers to layout changes for the construction of a small-scale photovoltaic (PV) facility and associated infrastructure on the Farm Free State Geduld 448 near Odendaalsruls, Free State Province. This PV facility is part of a larger project "Harmony" of three PV facilities in total.

An Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) and Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) were submitted with the original application and in a final comment dated 07 July 2015, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit had no objections against the proposed development of the Tshepong PV facility.

A heritage walk-through survey undertaken in 2020 by heritage specialists confirmed the absence of surface indicators of heritage resources as stated in the amended EMPr.

#### Final comment

As the layout changes are minor and a heritage walk-down was conducted in 2020, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit has no objections against the proposed amendment of the Tshepong PV facility subject to the conditions in the AIA and PIA as well as 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

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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.

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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: https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/289339 (DEA, Ref: )

# 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.