

## Interim Comment

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

Attention: BBEntropie (Pty) Ltd

### Harmony Nyala PV Soalr Facility

The proposed project entails the construction of a small-scale photovoltaic (PV) facility an associated infrastructure on the Farms Rietpan RE/17 and Rheederpark 443 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) was submitted to the case:

*Van der Walt, J. June 2015. Archaeological Impact Assessment for the Proposed Harmony Gold Nyala PV facility in Welkom Free State Province.*

The author undertook a desktop and field study on the proposed preferred area to assess the archaeological components. He identified no surface indicators of archaeological heritage resources. Due to the late inclusion of the alternative location, the author undertook superficial observations and a desktop study only for this area and concludes that any surface indicators of heritage sites could have been destroyed due to agricultural activities. He recommends that should it be decided to use the alternative area, a field assessment should be conducted for this area.

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SAHRA acknowledges the conclusions of the AIA that no significant archaeological material is present in the preferred area, and therefore does not require further assessment on archaeological heritage. Should the alternative site be chosen, SAHRA must be notified and requires a field assessment for the area to be conducted by a professional archaeologist.

No palaeontological component was included in the AIA. The PalaeoSensitivity Map on SAHRIS (<http://www.sahra.org.za/sahris/map/palaeo>) indicates an area of moderate to high palaeontological sensitivity for the proposed preferred and alternative areas. Therefore a desktop study Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) is required to be conducted by a professional palaeontologist before development commences. A list of suitable palaeontologist is available on the website of the Palaeontological Society of Southern Africa ([palaeontologicalsociety.co.za](http://palaeontologicalsociety.co.za)).

SAHRA will comment further on the case once a desktop PIA is submitted.



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/289369>

**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.

