

Letter

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.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999, heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. This means that prior to development it is incumbent on the developer to ensure that a Heritage Impact Assessment is done. This must include the archaeological component (Phase 1) and any other applicable heritage components. The quickest process to follow is to contract an accredited specialist (see the website of the Association of Southern African Professional Archaeologists www.asapa.org.za and the Palaeontological Society of Southern Africa palaeontologicalsociety.co.za). This must be done before any large development takes place.

The Heritage Impact Assessment report will identify the archaeological sites and palaeontological material and assess their significance. It should also make recommendations (as indicated in section 38) about the process to be followed. For example, there may need to be a mitigation phase (Phase 2) where the specialist will collect or excavate material and date the site. At the end of the process the heritage authority may give permission for destruction of the sites.

Any other heritage resources that may be impacted such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewsapes must also be assessed.

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.

