

Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed development of Watt PV 100 MW Photovoltaic Facility

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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Daniel Palm
29 Solar (Pty) Ltd

29 Solar (Pty) Ltd (Reg. No. 2015/002969/07) (hereafter referred to as 29 Solar) is proposing to construct and operate five 100 megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) facilities and associated electrical infrastructure over nine farms close to Dealesville, in the Free State province. The five projects and associated infrastructure is collectively referred to as the 29 Solar Dealesville Development and is situated approximately 50 km south-east of Boshof and approximately 70 km north-east of Bloemfontein.

The proposed project entails the construction of a solar photovoltaic facility and associated infrastructure. This application is part of a larger project of five such facilities and associated infrastructure over nine farms near Dealesville in the Free State Province. A Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment was submitted with the application:

Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed development of Watt PV 100 MW Photovoltaic Facility near Dealesville, Free State.

It is indicated that isolated, and concentrations of, stone artefacts of Middle Stone Age (MSA) and Later Stone Age (LSA) as well as significant Stone Age paintings and engravings on the dolerite outcrops may be found in area.

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Regarding palaeontological heritage resources, the proposed area is indicated as moderately to highly sensitive. The occurring archaeological heritage resources indicated in the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment may be significant. Therefore, before any excavation activities commence the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requires

- a desktop study to be conducted by a professional palaeontologist,
- an AIA should be conducted by a professional archaeologist,

and both to be submitted to SAHRA for review.

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



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Yours faithfully

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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/341252>

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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.



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