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Letter

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

Attention: Pele Green Energy (Pty) Ltd.

Proposed Grootpoort Solar Photovoltaic Energy development facility near Luckhoff, Letsemeng Local Municipality, Free State Province.

The SAHRA APM Unit has reviewed the EIR and EMPr and is satisfied with the heritage conditions in the EIR. However, the heritage section on page 71 in the EMPr needs to be changed to reflect the below:

	Heritage
Mitigation of the impact that the new development may have on potential archaeological artifacts on the site	1. Strict implementation of the conditions set in the heritage report. 2. Any finds must immediately be reported to the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) to comply with the National Heritage Resources Act (Act No. 25 of 1999). 3. The Contractor must ensure that his workforce is aware of the necessity to report any possible historical, archaeological or palaeontological finds to the ECO immediately so that action can be taken. 4. Any discovered artefacts shall not be removed under any circumstances. The location of the find is to be marked (flag). The Principal Contractor and ECO are to be notified immediately. The ECO is to inform the Developer and the Developer is to inform the archaeologist and/or palaeontologist for assessment of significance and to report the findings to SAHRA. 5. Any destruction or alteration of a heritage site can only be allowed if written permission is obtained from SAHRA and the site has been mapped and noted.
Archaeology on site	1. The two sites identified by the heritage study should be recorded on the site maps to ensure that no accidental damage may occur to them in the future. The ECO is to be informed if any of the sites is proposed to be impacted by future activities of the PV plant. 2. All stakeholders and key personnel should undergo an archaeological awareness training.

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	<p>during this phase.</p> <p>3. It is important to recognize any significant material being unearthed. Chance Finds Protocol applies (as above).</p>
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Palaeontology	<p>1. If during construction any paleontological heritage resources are found, activities must be stopped.</p> <p>2. The ECO must carefully safeguard these, preferably in situ, and a professional palaeontologist must be contacted for an assessment of the find.</p> <p>3. SAHRA must also be alerted immediately.</p> <p>4. If the newly discovered find is considered significant, a Phase 2 mitigation plan with a permit from SAHRA may be required.</p>
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Regarding the section about graves, SAHRA is not aware of an informal cemetery within the development footprint area, i.e. it was not identified in the HIA. This needs to be updated.

Graves	<p>1. The informal cemetery should be temporarily demarcated during the construction phase to avoid any accidental damage to it.</p> <p>2. If graves are accidentally discovered during construction, activities must be stopped, the area and SAHRA and a qualified archaeologist be contacted to evaluate the find.</p> <p>3. Any newly discovered graves may not be altered in any way without the approval of SAHRA.</p>
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Please resubmit the updated EMP for review by SAHRA.

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: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/354844>

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.