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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

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HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT (HIA) REPORT FOR THE RE CAPITAL 2 PROJECT GRID CONNECTION FOR A PROPOSED 75MW PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR FACILITY ON PORTIONS OF THE FARMS KAMEELDOORN 271JP & KRUISRIVIER 270JP, ZEERUST, NORTHWEST PROVINCE - APAC015/47B

Pelser, A.J. August 2016. A Cultural Heritage Management Plan for Heritage Sites Located at and Close to the Proposed 75 MW Photovoltaic Solar Facility on Portions of the Farms Kameeldoorn 271 JP and Kruisrivier 270JP, Including the New Alternative Expansion Area, Zeerust, Northwest Province.

Thank you, for submitting the amended Cultural Management Plan (CMP) for the RE Capital Solar Project to the case. The amendments to the CMP include the monitoring of the archaeological sites once a year. However the CMP does not follow the SAHRA guidelines for Cultural Management Plans, the current CMP is not workable, does not provide a method or details to monitor changes to the heritage resources in the RE Capital Solar Plant. It also does not consider the risks and key issues to the individual heritage resources. In the Interim Comments dated 22/06/2016 SAHRA had requested that the CMP should be amended to contain information set out in the *SAHRA Site Management Plan Guidelines*, as follows:

Site specific information must be provided that looks at the history of the archaeological site;

Map each site in detail, in recognised standard stone walled site mapping methodology;

A SWOT analysis must be conducted for all the sites;

Identify the key issues faced in long term conservation of the sites within the solar plant by assessing the current conservation conditions of the sites, what are the steps that should be taken to better preserve them.

What materials will be used for the fencing, how will it affect the sense of place of the sites, is it aesthetically

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appealing?

Who is the landowner, the responsibility of managing the heritage resources in the plant will fall to whom (Is it the Company?)?

A cost implications analysis must be done for the long term preservation of the sites.

Detailed information of creating a CMP document is contained in the *SAHRA Site Management Plan Guidelines* (<file:///C:/Users/nkhumalo/Desktop/Admin/Cases/Guidelines-for-Site-Management-Plans.pdf>).

SAHRA will comment further on the CMP once the above requirements are fulfilled.

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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