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## Final Comment

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

Attention: Tekplan Environmental  
PO Box 55714  
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0070

#### ATC SA Base Station: Bela-Bela Power Station, Limpopo Province

ATC South Africa are proposing the development of a 36m lattice mast with associated antennae Base station. The entire footprint covers an area of 144m<sup>2</sup>, this is inclusive of the border fencing (12m x 12m). The site is located on Erf 1394 Warmbad Ext 20, approximately 3km south of Bela-Bela in the Bela-Bela Local Municipality (Limpopo Province). ATC South Africa have contracted HCAC (Heritage and Archaeological Consulting) to write a letter of exemption with regard to the heritage component of the proposed development.

*Van der Walt, J. 2016. ATC SA Base Station: Bela-Bela Power Station, Limpopo Province.*

There are no known heritage resources in the immediate vicinity of the development. It is recommended that the development be allowed to proceed without the need for a Heritage Impact Assessment.

- *If during the construction any possible finds such as stone tool scatters, artefacts or bone and fossil remains are made, the operations must be stopped and a qualified archaeologist must be contacted for an assessment of the find.*

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SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit accepts the submitted letter of exemption and is satisfied that the likelihood of the development impacting any heritage resources is low. In alignment with section 38(2)b of the NHRA Act of 1999, SAHRA waives the requirement for a full Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA), and the development may proceed. The following stipulation should, however, be included into the final Environmental Management Programme (EMP)

- Should any heritage resources be identified (stone artefacts, Iron-Age artefacts, stone walling, foundations, burials and graves, or palaeontological specimens) then all construction should cease in the vicinity of the find and SAHRA should be immediately notified of the finds (Nokukhanya Khumalo, Phillip Hine +27 462 4502). If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Itumeleng Masiteng/Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately. A qualified archaeologist or

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palaeontologist will then be required to assess the finds (depending on the nature of the find) and further mitigation may then be required after acquiring the relevant permit from SAHRA.

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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South African Heritage Resources Agency

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South African Heritage Resources Agency

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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/361314>

**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.