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REVIEW COMMENT ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL DESKTOP STUDY

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- A. PROVINCIAL HERITAGE RESOURCES AUTHORITY: **Eastern Cape**
- B. AUTHOR(S) OF REPORT: **Dr Johan Binneman**
- C. ARCHAEOLOGY CONTRACT GROUP: **Eastern Cape heritage Consultants**
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- E. DATE OF REPORT: **March 2011**
- F. TITLE OF REPORT: **An archaeological desktop study for the construction of the proposed Tsitsikamma community wind energy facility, Kouga Local Municipality, Humansdorp District, Eastern Cape Province**
- G. Please circle as relevant: Archaeological component of EIA / EMP / HIA / CMP/ Other (Specify) **Draft Scoping Report**
- H. REPORT COMMISSIONED BY (CONSULTANT OR DEVELOPER): **Savannah Environmental and Sustainable Futures ZA, Mr Shawn Johnston**
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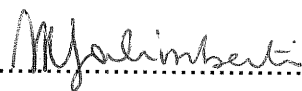
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REVIEW COMMENT ON HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT**Dr J. Binneman****Dated: March 2011, Received: April 2011****An archaeological desktop study for the construction of the proposed Tsitsikamma community wind energy facility, Kouga Local Municipality, Humansdorp District, Eastern Cape Province**


A wind energy facility is proposed by Exxaro Resources on eight farms located about 10 km northwest of Oyster Bay between the N2 and the coastline. The entire area proposed for hosting the wind energy facility covers about 54 km² and so far it has been used for farming and other rural purposes.

Dr Binneman undertook a Desktop Study and identified a series of archaeological resources which might be encountered during development as they have been previously identified in the general area. Amongst these, sites and scatters from the Early, Middle and Later Stone Age. In particular, belonging to the last period mentioned, are large stone features used for roasting, Khoi pastoralist shell middens and settlements and shell middens from the Kabeljous and Wilton groups. It is however possible that, since the area earmarked for development is at places further than 5 km from the coast line it is likely that shell middens will not be the main archaeological resource in the area.

SAHRA requires that a Heritage Impact Assessment is undertaken for the next stage of the HIA process. This report will include the assessment of archaeological and palaeontological resources, but it will also have to address issues related to cultural landscape, living heritage and viewsapes.

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