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## Final Comment

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

Attention: Thabametsi Power Company (Pty) Ltd

#### **Thabametsi Power Station, including the associated water supply pipeline.**

Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd have appointed Heritage Contracts and Archaeological Consulting (HCAC) to undertake a heritage walk down of the areas for the proposed water supply pipeline for the MCWAP-1 connection point on Portion 3 of the farm Grootestryd 465, to the Thabametsi Power Station on the farm Onbelyk 257. It's located in the Lephalale Local Municipality of the Limpopo Province. The Heritage Assessment was undertaken in terms of section 38(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999.

A palaeontological study was conducted for the general region and for the Thabametsi Power Station (Case ID 5091), Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd requests that this PIA is considered for this current application.

*Van der Walt, J. June 2017. Heritage Walk Down Report for the Proposed Thabametsi Power Station Water Supply Line, Limpopo Province.*

The author undertook a vehicle and foot survey of the proposed development and identified no heritage resources that may be impacted as a result. The author recommends no further mitigation measures on the condition that the Chance Finds Procedure are implemented and adhered to during construction.

#### **Final Comment**

SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit accepts the Heritage Walk Down Report and the Chance Finds Procedures in the report. However the PIA reports and the Fossil Chance Finds Procedure were supposed to be uploaded to the case, as they need to be considered in connection to this portion of the development.

Palaeontology recommendations for the Thabametsi Power Station project (Case ID 5091) must apply to this project. SAHRA had requested monitoring of the construction phase by a palaeontologist and the monitoring report must be submitted to SAHRA for commenting.

If there are any new heritage resources discovered during construction and operation phases of the proposed

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development, then a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the findings at the expense of the developer.

If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required at the expense of the developer. Mitigation will only be carried out after the archaeologist or palaeontologist obtains a permit in terms of section 35 of the NHRA (Act 25 of 1999). You may contact SAHRA APM Unit for further details: (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Phillip Hine 021 202 8652).

If any unmarked human burials are uncovered and the archaeologist called in to inspect the finds and/or the police find them to be heritage graves then mitigation may be necessary and the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit must be contacted for processes to follow (Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490).

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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## ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/405885>

## 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.