

**AIA FOR THE PROPOSED SONFIN OSEILAND 1MWP PV PLANT
DEVELOPMENT ON A PORTION OF THE FARM REINGELUK 107, NORTHERN
CAPE PROVINCE**

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Letter

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

Attention: Mr Neels Kruger
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ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (AIA) FOR THE PROPOSED SONFIN OSEILAND 1MWP PV PLANT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT ON A PORTION OF THE FARM REINGELUK 107, KAI GARIB LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, SIYANDA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

EP3 Environmental (Pty) Ltd was appointed by Oseiland Boerdery CC to undertake an Environmental Screening Study for the proposed Solar Farm on Reingeluk 107, near Kakamas, Northern Cape Province. The total extent of the proposed facility is 0.98 ha and therefore does not trigger an Environmental Authorisation (EA) application in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA).

Exigo Sustainability was appointed to undertake an assessment of heritage resources as per section 38(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Kruger, N. 2017. Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) for the Proposed Sonfin Oseiland 1MWP PV Plant Development Project on a Portion of the Farm Reingeluk 107, Kai Garib Local Municipality, Siyanda District Municipality Northern Cape Province.

As the area intended for the proposed development had been cleared prior to the assessment, no in situ heritage resources were identified. A survey around the cleared area found isolated Middle Stone Age (MSA) artefacts of low significance.

Comment

As the area in which the proposed development was to occur has already been cleared, and this action does not appear to have damaged any heritage resources, neither section 35 of the NHRA nor section 38 of the NHRA applies in this case. Had the area not been cleared, SAHRA would be able to issue a comment in terms of section 38, as is with the case with a 24G NEMA application.

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The AIA report is noted, and the recommendations provided by the specialist are sound and should be complied with, with the best interests of the NHRA in mind. The following conditions, however, must be noted by the applicant:

- If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Natasha Higgitt/Phillip Hine 021 462 5402) must be alerted. If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately. A professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA;
- If any further development planned triggers section 38 of the NHRA, an application and assessment of heritage must be conducted prior to any ground clearance activities occurring.

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

Phillip Hine
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