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Letter

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

Attention: South African Radio Astronomy Observatory

Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) and Conservation Management Plan (CMP) for the South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAQ) Square Kilometre Array (SKA) Project in the Northern Cape Province.

In the Final Decision issued on the 07/09/2018 for the South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAQ) Square Kilometre Array (SKA) Project in the Northern Cape Province, SAHRA requested that the "The awareness programmes and training material noted in section 7 of the Conservation Management Plan (CMP) must be submitted to SAHRA for comment.

A Training Manual and Facilitators Guide for the project has been submitted by Digby Wells Environmental.

Du, Piesanie, J; Van der Walt, J and Bamford, M. 2020. Square Kilometre Array Project - SKA1_MID Heritage Resources Management Training

The Training Manual and Facilitator Guide are very similar, so they will be discussed together. The training provides the legal framework within which the management of heritage will be undertaken during the project phases. It provides a summary of the identified heritage and their associated significance ratings and provides illustrations of examples of heritage that may be uncovered within the project area. The impact assessment of the project has been supplied with the associated mitigation measures. The training provides a list of the roles and responsibilities of key positions within the project team, including contractors. Monitoring requirements and a chance finds protocol (the CONSERVE protocol) with recording forms have been included in the training manual.

Comment

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit and the Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit are satisfied with the training manual and facilitators guide.

The South African Construction Site Director (or for whomever is most relevant) must bear in mind that the site

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recording requirements on SAHRIS are under review, and once published, will impact the recording forms within the training manual and may require an update. All stakeholders will be informed when the SAHRIS site recording requirements are updated.

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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