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Final Comment

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

Attention: EDF Renewables (Pty) Ltd

San Kraal WEF Final EMPr and Site Layout

Arcus Consultancy Services South Africa (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by San Kraal Wind Power (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Amendment Application to amend the authorised San Kraal Wind Energy Facility (WEF), near Noupoort in the Northern and Eastern Cape Province (DEA Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/2/1029 and 14/12/16/3/3/2/1029/AM1).

A Final Comment was issued on the 13/12/2019 (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/532001>) noting no objections to the proposed amendment and provided conditions to be implemented as part of the EMPr.

Since the issuing of the Final Comment, the Final EMPr inclusive of a Heritage Management Plan (HMP) and Heritage Walkthrough report have been submitted for comment.

Gribble, J and Euston-Brown, G. 2022. Pre-Construction Archaeological Walkdown Report for the San Kraal Wind Energy Facility outside Noupoort in the Northern Cape.

The 2021 walkthrough identified an additional two Stone Age lithics occurrences of low heritage significance and recorded additional details of a historical farmstead identified in 2017. Since the 2017 survey, sites JG017 – JG019 were located within 30 m of a proposed turbine, however, the turbine has been moved over 200 m from the sites and therefore no artefact collection is necessary.

The walkthrough report also contains the management principles contained within the HMP as part of the EMPr.

Recommendations provided in the report and HMP include the following:

- A 50 m no-go area around the JG017-JG019;
- A 30 m no-go area around the JG036; and
- The exclusion zone/ no-go area placed around the historical farm complex JR003, JR004, JR006 and

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JR007 (J143-148, J149-155, J156-166, G032-040 in 2021) must be retained and implemented, although using the better-defined configuration shown in Figure 6 in the HIA.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit is satisfied with the submitted Heritage Walkthrough report and Heritage Management Plan. The following must be taken into consideration:

- It must be noted that SAHRA is also the heritage authority responsible for palaeontological resources in the Northern Cape. Additionally, any built structures that are older than 100 years and in ruin are defined as archaeological resources, and SAHRA is therefore the responsible heritage authority. Any structures old than 60 years, but younger than 100 years and are still in use, are under the responsibility of the NCPHRA. This must be taken into account with regards to section 25.2 of the EMPr.

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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(DEA, Ref: San Kraal Split 1 WEF (DFFE REF.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1029; 14/12/16/3/3/2/1029/AM1 and 14/12/16/3/3/2/1029/1/AM1))

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.