

**Basic Assessment for the Proposed Development of a 115 MW Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Facility and associated electrical infrastructure (Kenhardt PV4), near Kenhardt, Northern Cape**

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## Final Comment

**In terms of Section 38(4), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)**

Attention: Scatec Solar Africa

**Scatec Solar Africa (Pty) Ltd (the project developer, trading as the applicant Kenhardt PV 4) with support from Veroniva (Pty) Ltd, are proposing to develop three 115 MW Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Facilities and associated electrical infrastructure (including a 132 kV overhead power line from each PV Facility to the Eskom Nieuwehoop Substation), near Kenhardt in the Northern Cape. The proposed projects are referred to as “Kenhardt PV4, Kenhardt PV5 and Kenhardt PV6” and are located on the remaining extent of Onder Rugzeer Farm 168 and the connection points to the Eskom Nieuwehoop Substation on the remaining extent of Portion 3 of Gembok Bult Farm 120. These projects are proposed approximately 80 km south of Upington and 20-30 km north-east of Kenhardt within the !Kheis Local Municipality, Northern Cape Province.**

The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) was appointed by Scatec Solar (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed 115MW Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Facility and associated electrical infrastructure (Kenhardt PV 4), north east of Kenhardt, Northern Cape Province.

In a Final Comment issued on the 24/04/2020, SAHRA noted no objections to the proposed development and provided conditions (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/536607>). Since the issuing of the Final Comment, the EA was granted on the 11/08/2020. One of the conditions of the SAHRA comment was that a pre-construction survey be conducted. The survey has been completed and a report has been submitted for review (12/07/2021).

*Orton, J. 2021. Kenhardt Pv4-6: Compliance with Pre-Construction Condition, Heritage Survey.*

A total of five heritage resources of low heritage significance were identified within the PV 4 footprint. These include surface scatters of Stone Age lithics and worked quartz outcrops with flake debitage and a cluster of quartz pebbles in an oval shape (Site 1963). This is not assumed to be a grave as there is no evidence of the ground having been disturbed beneath the cobbles. No mitigation measures were provided.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit endorses the submitted pre-construction heritage survey report.

The Final Comment issued on the 24/04/2020 (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/536607>) is still valid and must be adhered to, with the exception of the conditions for a pre-construction survey, as this has been completed.

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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**Terms & Conditions:**

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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.