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Final Decision

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

Attention: Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd

PO Box 148
Sunninghill
2157

The project involves the construction of a 990 kWp Solar (PV) Plant with a private grid connecting the PV Plant to the Eskom grid at a designated pole as indicated by Eskom.

PV Solution Services (Pty) Ltd have appointed CTS Heritage to undertake an application in terms of section 38(1)(c)(i) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) for a proposed 990 kWp Solar PV plant, near Kakamas, Northern Cape Province.

The proposed development will include the removal of the surface vegetation and leveling of the ground covering an area of 2.78 ha. The proposed development area is located on ground that has been used for a raisin drying area and has been extensively disturbed.

Lavin, J. 2021. Heritage Screener: Proposed development of Swartbooisberg PV, Upington

The proposed development area is located adjacent to the Orange River and in an area of negligible sensitivity for palaeontology as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. Heritage resources such as Stone Age lithics scatters and historical artefacts were identified on the northern banks of the river and a portion of a historical canal as part of a previous assessment.

It is unlikely that heritage resources would be impacted by the proposed development. No further studies were recommended.

Final Decision

As per section 38(2)b of the NHRA, the SAHRA Archaeological, Palaeontological and Meteorites (APM) Unit notes that it is unlikely that significant heritage resources will be impacted by the proposed development. Therefore, no further assessment of the impact to heritage resources is required.

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The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 38(2) and 38(4) of the NHRA and must be adhered to:

- 38(4)a – The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objections to the proposed development;
- 38(4)b – No specific conditions are provided for the development;
- 38(4)c(i) – 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 as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)c(ii) – 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 as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)d – See section 51(1) of the NHRA;
- 38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:
 - If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. 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.

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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Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/577164>

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.