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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(3), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: SiVEST SA (Pty) Ltd

proposed 75MW Droogfontein Photovoltaic (PV) Solar Energy Facility (SEF), located in Kimberly within the Sol Plaatjie Local Municipality, Frances Baard District Municipality in the Northern Cape Province of South Africa

Sivest SA (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Mainstream Renewable Power South Africa to submit an application for the extension of a granted Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the 75MW Droogfontein PV Solar Energy Facility, near Prieska, Northern Cape Province (12/12/20/2024/1/1).

The EA was issued on 19 September 2012 and was valid for 2 years. There have been several amendments over the years with regards to the extension of the validity of the granted EA. Currently it is proposed to extend the validity of the EA for another 3 years to ensure the project falls within the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement (REIPPP) Programme. It is noted that no change in layout of the development has been proposed.

A letter from a Heritage specialist has been submitted with regards to the extension of the validity of the EA.

Fourie, W. 2022. Part 1 Environmental Authorisation (EA) Amendment Process for the extending the validity of the EA by an additional 3 years for the authorised 75MW Droogfontein Photovoltaic (PV) Solar Energy Facility (SEF), located near Prieska in the Siyathemba Local Municipality, Pixley Ka Seme District Municipality in the Northern Cape Province of South Africa – Heritage Specialist Opinion.

The specialists states that there are no changes to the layout and infrastructure that was originally assessed in the 2011 HIA. It is recommended that the management measures include in the 2011 HIA remain valid and must be implemented.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that the 2011 HIA be submitted to the case so that an informed comment may be issued. Additionally, a letter must be provided by a qualified

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palaeontologist with regards to the consideration of the previously conducted Palaeontological Assessment in light of the EA extension.

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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