ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (AIA) ON PORTIONS OF THE FARMS BUISKOP 464KR AND TWEEFONTEIN 462KR FOR THE PROPOSED BELA-BELA POWER LINE BA PROJECT, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

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Interim Comment

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

Attention: AGES (PTY) Ltd - Limpopo

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Cetus Energy Eskom Holdings (SOC) Ltd have appointed AGES (Pty) Ltd Limpopo to undertake a Basic Assessment application process in support for an Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act no 107 of 1998 (NEMA) as amended, for activities that trigger the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) 2014 Regulations, as amended for the construction of a 132kV powerline connecting the approved Bela Bela Photovoltaic (PV) Power Plant on Portion 67 of the farm Tweefontein 462 KR (DFFE Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/688) to the Eskom "Tweekoppies - Warmbad" substation.

A Heritage Impact Assessment report by Exigo Sustainability has been submitted to SAHRA for commenting in terms of section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, no. 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

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The author undertook a field assessment of the study area and identified 2 sites that may be of heritage significance. Site Exigo-BPL-FT01 is a open area religious meeting place associated with the ZCC, the author recommends further specific consultation by the public participation specialist to ascertain it's significance and length of use. Site Exigo-BPL-FT02 is a stone cairn that may potentially be a burial ground. Both sites are of high local significance, the first site has more of a social significance. The author recommends the following:

- A chance finds procedures which have been included in the EMPr,
- Site monitoring by the heritage consultant or an ECO familiar with the heritage occurrences of the site,

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- It is suggested that local communities be consulted with regards to the religious meeting place in the project area (Site Exigo-BPL-FT01) and their possible social meanings,
- It is recommended that placements of pylons and related infrastructure be designed as to avoid the site Site Exigo-BPL-FT02.

The study area is located in a zone of high palaeontological significance and according to the SAHRIS palaeomap policy a field based Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) by a suitably qualified palaeontologist must be undertaken, however, such a study report has not been submitted to the case.

Interim Comment

The SAHRA Development Applications Unit (DAU) notes the submission of the HIA report and requests the resubmission of the Final BAR along with a PIA report by a suitably qualified palaentologist in order to process this case further.

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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