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Final Comment

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

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Electricity generated by the project will be “wheeled” on existing Eskom infrastructure for private offtake. The growing demand for the generation and supply of renewable energy by Independent Power Producers (IPPs), has resulted in the expansion of the project scope, which will now require additional authorisations. The increased scope includes: 1. Additional access road upgrades leading to the MTS are required, due to the size and weight of the MTS transformers and associated delivery vehicles as well as ensuring compliance with Eskom minimum road specifications. The required road upgrades will result in “triggering” additional Listed & Specified Activities not currently included in the existing Environmental Authorisation (EA), necessitating application for additional EA by way of a Basic Assessment. 2. Electricity generated by the Solar PV Facility will be connected to the national grid, using Loop-In, Loop-Out (LILO) into the existing 400 kV Eskom transmission powerline closest to the MTS (known as Line 2), but provision needs to be made to allow LILO into Line 1, a parallel Eskom transmission line approximately 2.5 kms away from Line 2. This additional transmission line forms part of the Part 2 Amendment. 3. Due to the size of the MTS, local supply of ready-mix concrete will no longer be feasible, and on-site batching will be required. So, the Part 2 amendment will also include on-site concrete batching, which was not included in the original scope of the project. Furthermore, an additional contractor laydown will be required, as provision needs to be made for multiple contractors during the construction phase, as well as changes to Operational & Maintenance (O&M) facilities, which need to accommodate more than one Independent Power Producer (IPP). 4. Finally, application will be made to consolidate all the current water uses authorised under General Authorisation into an Integrated Water Use License. Additional water uses will be added into the IWULA for road building activities within the DWS regulated area of a watercourse, as well as the provision of additional water, by way of groundwater, to ensure adequate water provision for the road upgrades and on-site concrete batching activities.

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Ecoleges Environmental Consultants have been appointed by Solar Africa Energy (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Amendment Application for proposed amendments to the approved 300MW PV facility on several properties near Hanover, Northern Cape Province (DFFE Reference: 14/12/16/3/3/2/998).

On the 13/07/2023, SAHRA issued a Final Comment, noting no objections to the amendments and provided conditions. However, SAHRA had overlooked providing comments on the submitted Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP). It is noted that this CHMP has also been submitted to SAHRIS Case ID 21035 (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/sae-sun-central-cluster-1-access-road>). Comments issued below will apply to both cases.

Pelser, A. 2023. Cultural Heritage Management Plan related to Archaeological & Historical Sites recorded during Phase 1 HIA's for the development of a 300mw Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Facility and Associated Infrastructure on several portions of Farms in the Hanover District, Emthanjeni Local Municipality, Pixley Ka Seme District Municipality, Northern Cape Province for Soventix SA (rights sold to SolarAfrica Energy (Pty) Ltd, Project Hereafter referred to as Sun Central).

The CHMP contains management measures for the long-term management of the following sites: 22, 30, 35-33 (2017) and sites 1-3, 6-7 and 9-11 (2021). These management measures include no-go zones, fencing, information plaques, further research, visitor control, and education activities.

In a letter issued on the 27/07/2023, SAHRA noted that the CHMP was satisfactory and provided additional conditions. The CHMP has been updated to include these conditions.

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SAHRA is satisfied with the CHMP. No further actions are required, and no further comments will be issued. 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/609824>

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.