

PROPOSED DE RUST PV 2 SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE

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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: FE De Rust (Pty) Ltd

FE De Rust (Pty) Ltd is proposing the development of a solar energy facility (SEF) and associated infrastructure on a site located approximately 23 kilometers (km) south of Pofadder in the Northern Cape province of South Africa. The proposed development will have a generation capacity of up to 240MW which will feed into the National Grid.

Enviro Insight CC has been appointed by FE De Rust (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Authorisation Application for the proposed De Rust PV 2 Solar Energy Facility and associated infrastructure, near Pofadder, Northern Cape Province.

A Draft Scoping Report (DSR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed activities will include the construction of PV panels, underground and aboveground cabling, onsite substations, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), internal/access roads, permanent workshop area and office for control, maintenance and storage, stormwater infrastructure, fencing, formal laydown area within an application area of 485 ha.

The DSR states that a Heritage and Palaeontological Assessment, and Visual Impact Assessment will be included in the EIA phase of the development.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit notes the pending Heritage Assessment reports. Separate Heritage reports for each development must be submitted. Combined reports will not be accepted. Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above pending reports and draft EIA inclusive of appendices.

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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