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Final Comment

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

Attention: South Africa Mainstream Renewable Power Loeriesfontein 3 (Pty) Ltd

EA for the 100MW Loeriesfontein 3 PV SEF, 33/132kV Independent Power Producer (IPP) portion of the shared on-site substation (including Transformer) and associated infrastructure (DFFE Ref: 12/12/20/2321/2/1), near Loeriesfontein, Hantam Local Municipality, Northern Cape Province –

Nala Environmental Consulting has been appointed by South African Mainstream Renewable Power Loeriesfontein 3 (Pty) Ltd to submit an application for the extension of the validity of the granted Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the Loeriesfontein SEF, near Loeriesfontein, Northern Cape Province (12/12/20/2321/2/1/AM1).

The original EA was issued on 29 October 2012 and several amendments occurred over the years including splitting of the project (1 EA for the SEF and the other for the grid infrastructure). The EA for the grid infrastructure lapses on the 29 October 2022 and an amendment was applied for (extension of the EA for 5 years), with a subsequent request for additional information from DFFE to motivate for the extension.

A Comparative Heritage and Palaeontological Assessment was submitted as part of the EA Amendment Application.

Lavin, J. 2022. Proposed Amendment processes for the 100MW Loeriesfontein 3 PV Facility and associated infrastructure, Northern Cape

The report found that the previous assessment of the impact to heritage resources remain valid and no additional assessments were recommended. The relevant recommendations provided in the previous heritage assessment are to be implemented including a Chance Finds Procedure attached to the report to be included in the EMPr.

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As the 30 day commenting period as allowed for in the NEMA timeframes has lapsed, SAHRA is unable to provide additional conditions for the Amendment Application for EA extension.

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The applicant is advised to take note of the following:

- The recommendations provided in previous Heritage Assessments must be adhered to;
- Any previous conditions provided by SAHRA with regards to the developments must be adhered to;
- 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 (Natasha Higgitt 021 202 8660/ nhiggitt@sahra.org.za) 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;
- If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/ Ngqabutho Madida 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;
- See section 51 of the NHRA regarding offences;
- 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;
- The Final Motivation report and EMPr must be submitted to SAHRA for record purposes;
- The decision regarding the EA Amendment Application must be communicated to SAHRA and uploaded to the SAHRIS Case application.

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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