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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: Mark Vemon
Struisbult PV2 (Pty) Ltd

The Struisbult PV2 facility was issued an Environmental Authorisation during 2013 by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE Ref: 12/12/20/2502). The Applicant wishes to extend the validity of the EA to allow the project to bid in future renewable energy tenders. In support of this, the DFFE has requested that additional information and motivation be provided. A motivation report has been prepared and is available for review and comment on the EIMS website as per the link below. Condition 13 of the EA issued for this development also required updates to be made to the EMPr. The EMPr has been updated and is available for review and comment on the EIMS website as per the link below.

EIMS was appointed by Stuisbult PV2 (Pty) Ltd to submit an application for the extension of a granted Environmental Authorisation (EA) and the update of the EMPr for the Struisbult PV2 facility on the farm Struisbult, near Copperton, Northern Cape Province (DFFE Ref: 12/12/20/2502).

The EA was issued in 2013 and has undergone several amendments including several EA extensions. Currently, it is proposed to extend the validity of the EA 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 previous SAHRIS application has reference (Case ID 1372 - <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/vogelstruisbult-photovoltaic-solar-energy>). SAHRA noted no objections to the case and provided conditions (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/vogelstruisbult-photovoltaic-solar-energy>).

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 Mulilo Struisbult PV2 Facilitu, located near Prieska in the Siyathemba Local Municipality, Pixley Ka Seme District Municipality in the Northern Cape Province of South Africa – Heritage Specialist Opinion.

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The specialist states that there are no changes to the layout and infrastructure that was originally assessed in the 2012 HIA. It is recommended that the management measures include in the 2012 HIA and PIA remain valid and must be implemented.

The updated EMPr contains management and mitigation measures regarding heritage resources (page 14, 16, 22, 23, and 35).

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that a letter must be provided by a qualified 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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Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/615470>