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## Interim Comment

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

Attention: African Clean Energy Developments (Pty) Ltd  
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### Proposed Establishment of the Hidden Valley Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure on a Site South of Sutherland, Northern Cape Province (12/12/20/2370)

Following specialist consultation and further discussion within the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit, the following amendments have been made to previously issued comments dated the 01/03/2016:

Instead of:

*“The Palaeontological Walk-Down reports must be revised to include maps depicting the location of the identified palaeontological resources relative to the layout of the proposed development. Photographs of each identified palaeontological resource should be included in the revised PIA for the Soetwater and Karusa projects together with the map. Should palaeontological resources be impacted by the project, these will need to be mitigated. Details of such mitigation will be provided once SAHRA has received the requested map. This must be submitted to SAHRA before final comments can be issued.”*

The condition will be amended to the following:

*“Maps of the identified palaeontological resources relative to the layout of the proposed development in the Soetwater, Karusa and Great Karoo projects must be emailed to the relevant case officer for comment. This must be submitted to SAHRA before final comments can be issued.”*

Instead of:

*“A Chance Finds Procedures and Fossil Finds Procedure must be developed for the project to ensure that standard protocols and steps are followed should any heritage and/or fossil resources be uncovered during excavations. These procedures should outline the steps and reporting structure to be followed in the instance that heritage resources are found. All workers on site including the ECO and construction manager/foreman’s must be trained and instructed as to the procedures and how they should be followed.”*

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The condition will be amended to:

*"A Chance Finds Procedure must be developed for the project to ensure that standard protocols and steps are followed should any heritage and/or fossil resources be uncovered during excavations. These procedures should outline the steps and reporting structure to be followed in the instance that heritage resources are found. The ECO must receive training in the identification of commonly found fossils in the local geological formations and must monitor all excavations for fossils. All workers on site including the ECO and construction manager/foreman's must be informed about the aforementioned procedure."*

It must be noted that the requested archaeological walk-down for the Great Karoo Wind Energy Facility (WEF) has yet to be submitted to SAHRA for comment. As stipulated in comments dated 26 May 2014 and 14 April 2016 on SAHRIS Case ID 218, and in a Final Comment issued for SAHRIS Case ID 9373, the Archaeological Walk Down must be completed prior to the construction phase of the projects. Please upload the Archaeological Walk Down reports as soon as possible so SAHRA may provide comments. There will be no need for further palaeontological field assessment, as the Desktop Study is sufficient. As stated above, a map must be emailed to the case officer and the ECO must monitor all excavations in the Great Karoo WEF. The above amendment must apply to SAHRIS Case 9373. An amended comment will be issued for SAHRIS Case ID 9373.

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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