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Interim Comment

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

Attention: ABO Ndaou Solar Energy Facility 2

Unit B1, Mayfair Square, Century Way, Century City, Western Cape

ABO Ndaou Solar Energy Facility 2 and Associated Infrastructure, located within the Polokwane Local and Capricorn District Municipalities, Limpopo Province.

ABO Wind Renewable Energies (Pty), on behalf of ABO Ndaou Solar Energy Facility 2 (Pty) Ltd have appointed Praxos 373 (Pty) Ltd to undertake a Scoping & Environmental Impact Assessment application process in support for an Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act no 107 of 1998 (NEMA) as amended, for the construction of a 80 MW solar energy facility on Portion 5, 7 and Remaining Extent of Portion 2 of the Farm Rotterdam No. 12, the remainder of the farm Rietvley 13, Polokwane Local Municipality, of Limpopo Province.

The ABO Ndaou Solar Energy Facility 2 (Pty) Ltd is proposing to establish and operate a Solar energy facility on 101.15 ha of land in extent. The development will include solar arrays, a substation/collector infrastructure with a capacity of 132 kV, 33kV underground cables for internal electrical reticulation, access and internal roads roads, a BESS, telecommunications mast, admin area, and a temporary laydown area. It is noted that this application is connect to the application case ID 22102 for the ABO Ndaou Solar Energy Facility 2.

It is noted in the Scoping Report that the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) will be undertaken as part of the EIA phase.

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The SAHRA APM Unit acknowledges receipt of the S&EIA application and request that the following is undertaken in terms of section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (25 of 1999) as part of the EA application process.

The prospecting has the potential to impact negatively on heritage and/or cultural resources, therefore a heritage impact assessment must be conducted. A field-based assessment of the impact to archaeological resources must be conducted by a qualified archaeologist. The report must comply with section 38(3) of the

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NHRA and the SAHRA 2006 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Component of Impact Assessments, and the 2012 Minimum Standards: Archaeological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments. The Minimum Standards provides allowance for a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption that can be submitted by a qualified archaeologist should they deem it appropriate.

The assessment should include any other heritage resources that may be impacted such as built structures over years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewsapes must also be assessed.

The development is located in the grey region on the SAHRIS palaeomap and according to the SAHRIS palaeomap policy, the project is granted an exemption from undertaking a palaeotological impact assessment.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above.

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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