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## Letter

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

Attention: Mulilo Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd  
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**Mulilo Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd (Mulilo) proposes to construct six (6) additional photovoltaic (PV) solar energy plants on a farm, near Copperton in the Northern Cape. Aurecon South Africa (Pty) Ltd (Aurecon) has been appointed to undertake the requisite environmental process as required in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), as amended, on behalf of Mulilo. The proposed projects would take place on the farm Klipgats Pan (Portion 4 of Farm No. 117) near Copperton in the Northern Cape. The site lies approximately 9 km to the south of Copperton and borders to the Kronos substation.**

Aurecon South Africa was appointed by Mulilo Prieska PV (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process for the proposed Mulilo Prieska Photovoltaic Energy Plant on farm Klipgats Pan and Grid Connection near Copperton, Northern Cape. An EIA was completed in term of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014. The project received Environmental Authorisation in August 2012 (DEA Ref: 12/12/20/2501). An EA Amendment was undertaken in order to "split" the EA into two Authorizations, one for the PV Facility, and one for the Grid Connection. The Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) refused the application on the 06/10/2016. SAHRA did not provide comments within the regulated timeframes but the following must be highlighted:

A Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) was conducted in 2012 by Jayson Orton and SAHRA issued comments on the 5 June 2012 (<http://sahra.org.za/sahris/node/49514>), 1 August 2012 (<http://sahra.org.za/sahris/node/49515>), 11 July 2012 (<http://sahra.org.za/sahris/node/124499>), 30 August 2013 (<http://sahra.org.za/sahris/node/129812>), 10 June 2014 (<http://sahra.org.za/sahris/node/165969>), 17 June 2014 (<http://sahra.org.za/sahris/node/166446>), and 4 November 2014 (<http://sahra.org.za/sahris/node/137804>). The facility in question: SAHRIS Case ID 2378 is the Mulilo PV 1 facility as described in SAHRIS Case ID 2377 (<http://sahra.org.za/sahris/cases/proposed-pv2-pv7-facilities-klipgats-pan-near-copperton-northern-cape>) and PV 4 facility as described in SAHRIS Case ID 315 (<http://sahra.org.za/sahris/cases/klipgats-pv-2501>) regarding the mitigation of impacted heritage sites.

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The proposed amendment, even though refused by the DEA, would not add any additional impact to heritage resources. Recommendations provided in comments issued on the 5 July 2012, 11 July 2013, 30 August 2013 and 4 November 2013 still apply.

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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South African Heritage Resources Agency

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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/120019>  
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