



## Final Comment

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

Attention: Ramizone (Pty) Ltd.  
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Bryanston  
2021

### Proposed Development of a Photo-voltaic Solar Power Generation Plant on the Farm Konkoonsies near Pofadder in the Northern Cape

Rubidge, B. April 2011. KONKOONSIES 91, POFADDER - PALAEOONTOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT  
Pelser, A. April 2012. A REPORT ON A HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT (HIA) FOR THE PROPOSED PHOTO-VOLTAIC SOLAR POWER GENERATION PLANT ON KONKOONSIES 91, POFADDER DISTRICT, NORTHERN CAPE

Aurora Power Solutions and Bio Therm Energy are proposing the establishment of a further solar energy plant on Farm Konkoonsies 91. An earlier development on this site was addressed in an AIA (Mr Pelser 2011) and a heritage report (Mr de Jongh 2011). That AIA identified many archaeological sites near the hills and outcrops, which led to the development footprint being moved to safeguard them. SAHRA provided a review comment on these reports on 23 March 2011. Subsequent to that, SAHRA received a Palaeontological report (Prof. Rubidge 2011) and provided a letter of exemption (15.05.2012) from further palaeontological studies.

The archaeologist surveyed the newly proposed development area on foot and identified five sites. The surface visibility was indicated as good due to the flat, sandy terrain with only patches of grass and shrubs. Site 1 consisted of a scatter of ostrich eggshell consistent with the remains of a water flask. Site 2 consisted of a scatter of quartz, some flaked and one point. Similar scatters occurred throughout the area. Site 3 contained further scattered ostrich eggshell fragments, possibly indicating another broken water carrier. Site 4 was an ephemeral, low, packed stone wall that was possibly a windbreak; no stone tools were found in association with the feature. Site 5 consisted of a third discrete scatter of ostrich eggshell. Site 4 and 5 are unlikely to be impacted by construction as they are located on ridges which will not be developed.

As indicated in the Letter of Exemption (15 May 2012), the proposed development area is underlain by granite and gneiss, which are unfossiliferous.

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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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/48896>  
(DEA, Ref: 12/12/20/2443)

**Terms & Conditions:**

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.
3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.

