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Letter

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

Attention: Miss Surina Brink WSP Environmental Pty Ltd - Johannesburg Edit view 3rd Floor 35 Wale Street Cape Town 8001

Proposed Wind Energy Facility near De Aar, Northern Cape Province

The letter from Mr J. Kaplan dated 20 January 2014 refers;

The HIA submitted to SAHRA, and the above letter, clearly demonstrate that the proposed development is unlikely to impact on any significant heritage resources. While the proposed new turbine layout may impact on archaeological resources, these resources have low significance and as such, no further heritage assessment is required.

As such, SAHRA's comment from 29 July 2013 remains the Final Comment;

"SAHRA has no objection to the proposed development and supports the recommendations of the author and requests that:

Site ZWK95 should be avoided by all development activities. To ensure this, a temporary fence should be erected around the site, no less than 5m from the visible boundaries of the site. The access road that is planned for the Kasarmberge should be moved at least 10m from the fencing and should run no closer than 15m from the edge of the site. Should it not be possible to change the alignment of the access road, and should the impact on this site be unavoidable, the applicant will need to liaise with the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit to determine the appropriate way forward.

If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g., remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, marine shell and charcoal/ash concentrations), unmarked human burials, fossils; or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed activities, SAHRA APM Unit (Kathryn Smuts/Colette Scheermeyer 021 462 4502) must be alerted immediately, and a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary."

Comment

No additional archaeological survey work is considered necessary in this instance.



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Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

Jenna Lavin Heritage Officer South African Heritage Resources Agency

Colette Scheermeyer SAHRA Head Archaeologist South African Heritage Resources Agency

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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.



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