Kappa Solar PV

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Final Comment

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

Attention: Mr Dick Berlijn Kappa Solar Power Plant (Pty) Ltd. 2nd Floor West Tower Maude Street Nelson Mandela Square Sandton, 2196

Proposed Kappa Photovoltaic Solar Energy Facility on the Remaining Extent of the farm Honesty 43, Registration Division HN, North West Province.

Van Schalkwyk, J. July 2014. Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment for the proposed development of photovoltaic power plants on seven different locations in North West and Free State Provinces.

The proposed Kappa Solar Power Plant will be located on the remaining extent of the farm Honesty 43 HN, Lekwa-Teemane Local Municipality, North West Province. The total area of the proposed project will be 285ha including administrative buildings and other infustructure. The heritage report conducted for this project combined other North West Solar projects which will not be commented on in this letter. The SAHRA comment will focus on this particular case only which falls under section 5.2 in the heritage report.

The field assessment of the Kappa Solar Power Plant noted a single heritage site, that was a farmstead that dated back to c.1921. The building material used ranged from stone to fired bricks and sun dried bricks as mention in the HIA. The current condition of the farm house is very dilapidated, however the significance of the building was given a local grade III rating reasons stated were that farmhouses in the North West are scarce so this farm house will provide regional information.

The farmstead will be negatively affected by the development.

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As the development lies in a palaeontologically insignificant area, SAHRA exempts the developer from doing a Palaeontological Impact Assessment for the proposed development.

SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit agrees with the recommendations of the heritage report as follows:

- The farmstead site should be fully mapped and recorded before it is destroyed, a phase II will be necessary to do this and a destruction permit should be applied for at the NWPHRA contact person is Mosiane Motlobane (mosianem@nwpq.qov.za).

There is no objection to this proposed development on the condition that:

- If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g., remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous



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ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments and charcoal/ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed activities, SAHRA APM Unit (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Colette Scheermeyer 021 462 4502), and unmarked human burials contact the SAHRA BGG Unit (Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), 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.

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

Yours faithfully

Nokukhanya Khumalo

Heritage Officer

South African Heritage Resources Agency

ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: http://www.sahra.org.za/node/164605

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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.

