

Final Comment

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

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Nokukhanya 75MW Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Power Plant near Dennilton, Limpopo Province: Draft Scoping Report.

Thank you for submitting the updated HIA as requested from the SAHRA comment of 11 November 2014.

Under sections 34, 35 and 36 of the National Heritage Resources Act (25 of 1999) heritage resources are protected. These resources are for instance burial grounds, unmarked and marked graves that are older than 60 years, built structures that are older than 60 years old, archaeology (stone tools, stone walled sites, prehistoric and historic pottery sherds, ash grounds etc.) and palaeontology (fossils of plant and animal material).

Fourie, W. March 2015. Nokukhanya Solar Facility Heritage Impact Assessment Report

The author undertook a field survey of the proposed development with the aim of finding and documenting any heritage resources located in and around the proposed development area. There were 14 heritage resources that were found during the survey. From the previous comment in which SAHRA stipulated that we would like a map and clear details of which heritage resources would be disturbed by the construction activities.

SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit will exempt the development from commissioning a Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) because the area in which the proposed development is underlain by unfossiliferous rock and the palaeontological sensitivity is insignificant (<http://www.sahra.org.za/sahris/map/palaeo>).

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SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit have no objections to this proposed development on the following conditions:

- All cemeteries may not be damaged or destroyed and should be kept on site, they should also be fenced and a 20m buffer zone around the perimeter of the cemetery should be adhered to at all times.
- Any buildings older than 60 years may not be damaged or destroyed during construction and operation of the Solar Facility. However any decisions made about the built environment older than 60 years are handled by the Limpopo Provincial Heritage Authority (LIHRA) and the contact person is Portia Ramalamula (ramalamulap@sac.limpopo.gov.za).

- The site NKO9 should be conserved and not disturbed by the construction of the solar plant, if any disturbances are foreseen a permit should be applied for to SAHRA.

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



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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/179266>
(DEA, Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/737)

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.