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## **Interim Comment**

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

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### **ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (AIA) OF AREAS DEMARCTED FOR THE PROPOSED PHOTOVOLTAIC POWER PLANT (RHODES 2 SOLAR PARK) ON A PORTION OF THE FARM RHODES 269, JOE MOROLONG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, JOHN TAOLO GAETSEWE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

Miko Energy (Pty) Ltd appointed AGES (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for the proposed Photovoltaic Power Plant Development on a portion of the farm Rhodes 269, near Hotazel, Northern Cape Province. The proposed project includes the construction of Photovoltaic modules, workshops and warehouses, a small substation, access roads, water supply pipelines, sewage system and internal powerlines. It is noted that no Scoping Report or EIA was submitted to the case file. Exigo Sustainability (Pty) Ltd was appointed to conduct the Archaeological Impact Assessment for the project.

*Kruger, 2015. Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) of areas demarcated for the proposed Photovoltaic Power Plant (Rhodes 2 Solar Park) on a portion of the farm Rhodes 269, Joe Morolong Local Municipality, John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality, Northern Cape Province.*

No heritage resources were recorded within the assessed impact area. Recommendations provided in the AIA include monitoring of the construction process by an ECO or heritage specialist in order to avoid the destruction of previously undetected heritage remains. Additionally, it was recommended that a Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) be completed for the project.

#### **Interim Comment**

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit accepts the submitted Archaeological Impact Assessment and its recommendations.

A final comment will be issued upon receipt of the requested PIA, which must be completed prior to construction for the proposed Rhodes 2 Solar Park and which must consider all aspects of the proposed

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development, and the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

The following additional conditions must be adhered to and must form part of the final EMP of the project:

- A Chance Finds Procedures and Fossil Finds Procedure must be developed for the project to ensure that standard protocols and steps are followed should any heritage and/or fossil resources be uncovered during excavations. These procedures should outline the steps and reporting structure to be followed in the instance that heritage resources are found. All workers on site including the ECO and construction manager/foreman's must be trained and instructed as to the procedures and how they should be followed.

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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**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.