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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Mr Neels Kruger
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ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (AIA) OF AREAS DEMARCTED FOR PROPOSED PHOTOVOLTAIC POWER PLANTS (EAST 2 AND EAST 3 SOLAR PARKS AND ACCESS ROAD) ON THE REMAINDER AND PORTION 2 OF THE FARM EAST 270, JOE MOROLONG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, JOHN TAOLO GAETSEWE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

Palus Energy (Pty) Ltd appointed AGES (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for the proposed Photovoltaic Power Plant Development on the Remainder and Portion 2 of the Farm East 270, 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, a sewage system and internal powerlines. Exigo Sustainability (Pty) Ltd was appointed to conduct the Archaeological Impact Assessment for the project. It is noted that no Environmental Reports have been uploaded to the case file i.e. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

Kruger, 2015. Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) of areas demarcated for the proposed Photovoltaic Power Plant (East 2 and East 3 Solar Parks and Access Road) on the Remainder and Portion 2 of the Farm East 270, 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. It must be noted that no map showing the tracks of the areas surveyed was supplied in the report.

Interim Comment

Regarding archaeological and palaeontological heritage resources, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit accepts the recommendation in the submitted Archaeological Impact Assessment.

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A final comment will be issued upon receipt of the requested PIA, which must be completed prior to construction for the proposed East 2 and East 3 Solar Parks and which must consider all aspects of the proposed 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.

Final comments will be issued upon receipt of the requested PIA and the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

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.