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Final Comment

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

Attention: Great Karoo Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd

Great Karoo Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd received an Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the construction of the Great Karoo Wind Energy Facility near Sutherland in the Northern Cape (DEA ref: 12/12/20/2370/3) on 12 August 2014.

Thank you for notifying SAHRA of the granting of the Amended Environmental Authorisation dated 25/07/2016 for the Great Karoo Wind Energy Facility, near Sutherland, Northern Cape Province (DEA Ref No: 12/12/20/2370/3).

Please note that a walk-down of the amended layout is required prior to construction. This must be conducted by a qualified archaeologist and palaeontologist to ensure that no heritage resources are to be impacted by the new locations of the turbines. If heritage resources are identified at or near any proposed infrastructure, an assessment of the significance of the heritage resources and the impact to the identified heritage resource must be completed. A report detailing the results of the survey must be submitted to SAHRA before construction commences.

If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Natasha Higgitt/John Gribble 021 462 5402) must be alerted. If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Itumeleng Masiteng/Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately. A professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted 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 may be required.

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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