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

Attention: Lutzborg solar (RF) (Pty) Ltd

Solar Power Plant Development: The remaining extent of portion 2 of the farm Ruby Vale No. 266, registration division Gordononia, Tsantsabane Local Municipality, Northern Cape Province

Environamics has been appointed by Lutzborg Solar Power Plant (RF) (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process in support of an Environmental Authorisation Application for the proposed Lutzborg Solar Power Plant, near Olifantshoek, Northern Cape Province. A draft Scoping Report was conducted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the EIA Regulations, 2014. The proposed solar park will consist of an 115MW PV array, grid connections, and associated infrastructure such as offices, switch gear and relay room, staff changing rooms, security control, and internal access road. The development footprint will cover approximately 300 ha and there are two alternative locations for the proposed solar park. J van Schalkwyk was appointed to conduct the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA). In an Interim Comment issued on the 23 June 2016 requested that the survey conducted as part of the HIA be redone as it did not adequately survey the proposed development footprint. The HIA has been resubmitted with a new track log of the survey.

Van Schalkwyk, 2016. Cultural heritage impact assessment for the development of the Proposed Lutzborg Solar Power Plant on the remaining extent of portion 2 of the farm Ruby Vale, Registration Division Gordononia, Northern Cape Province.

No heritage sites, features or objects of cultural significance were identified in the proposed development area. No new sites were identified as a result of the new survey.

Recommendations provided in the report include the following:

- Should archaeological sites or graves be exposed during the construction work, it must immediately be reported to a heritage practitioner so that an investigation and evaluation of finds can be made.

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SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit promotes the recommendations within the submitted HIA report. The following additional comments apply to the project and must be included in the EIA and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr):

- The final EIA and all appendices must be submitted to SAHRA and uploaded to the case file;
- 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 the proposed development be granted an EA, SAHRA must be informed and the decision letter must be uploaded to the case file.

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.