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## Interim Comment

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

Attention: Tshepo solar power plant (RF) (Pty) Ltd

#### **Solar Power Plant Development: The remaining extent of the farm London No. 275, registration division Kuruman, Joe Morolong Local Municipality, Northern Cape Province**

Environamics has been appointed by Tshepo Solar Power Plant (RF) (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process in support of an Environmental Authorisation Application for the proposed Tshepo Solar Power Plant, near Hotazel, 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 290 ha and there are two alternative locations for the proposed solar park. J van Schalkwyk was appointed to conduct the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) and L Rossouw was appointed to conduct the Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA).

*Van Schalkwyk, 2016. Cultural heritage impact assessment for the development of the proposed Kagiso Solar Power Plant on the remaining extent of the farm Kameelaar No 315, Registration Division Kuruman, Northern Cape Province.*

The submitted HIA does not address the proposed Tshepo Solar Project, and is therefore not discussed here.

*Rossouw, 2016. Palaeontological desktop study of the proposed Kagiso solar power plant (SPP) facility on the remaining extent of the farm Kameel Aar 315, near Hotazel, Northern Cape Province.*

The submitted PIA does not address the proposed Tshepo Solar Project, and is therefore not discussed here.

#### **Interim Comment**

The following comments apply to the project:

- SAHRA APM Unit does not accept the provided HIA and PIA as they do not address the proposed Tshepo Solar Park; and

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- Further comments will be issued upon receipt of an HIA and PIA that addresses the proposed Tshepo Solar Project.

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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**ADMIN:**

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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.