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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Mr Tsunduka Hatlane
Phaki Phakanani

THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A 50MW PV SOLAR PARK PROJECT AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON PORTIONS 15, 27 AND 28 OF FARM SCHIETFONTEIN 437 JQ WITHIN THE MADIBENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, NORTH WEST PROVINCE

Phakanani Environmental was appointed by Zolograph Investments (RF) Proprietary Limited to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process in support of an Environmental Authorisation Application for a proposed 50MW PV Solar Park project and associated infrastructure on portions 15, 27 and 28 Schietfontein 437JQ, North West Province. A draft EIA was conducted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the EIA Regulations, 2014. The proposed solar park will consist of a 50MW array of photovoltaic panels and associated infrastructure such as on-site inverters, offices and workshop area, laydown area, internal access roads and an 88KV transmission line. The development footprint will cover approximately 183 ha. Vhubvo Archaeo-Heritage Consultants Cc was appointed to conduct the Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA).

An Interim Comment issued on the 23 June 2016 called for the submitted HIA to be revised to include the following:

- A map of the proposed layout;
- Track logs of the completed survey; and
- An indication of a survey of the grid connection (it is now understood that this will be completed at a later stage pending input from Eskom and the current completed EIA).

Magoma, 2015. Amendment of an Archaeological Impact Assessment Study Report for the proposed construction of De Wildt 50MW Solar Power Station and 88 KV Transmission Line on portion(s) 15, 27 and 28 of the Farm Schietfontein which is within Madibeng Local Municipality of Municipality of Bojanala Platinum District Municipality, North West Province.

According to the amendment report, two occurrences were identified within the proposed development area; however, they could not be verified as heritage resources. One site (Dew1) consisted of an accumulation of

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stones (cairn) and the other was a pile of debris with a flag (Dew2). It must be noted that no track log or map showing the position of the findings in relation to the development were supplied.

Recommendations provided in the report include the following:

- Site Dew1 will require further investigation, and archaeological monitoring during clearance is recommended;
- Site Dew2 must be investigated further by means of consultation with the farm owner regarding the purpose of the flag;
- An archaeologist must be assigned during bush clearing to further assess the area;
- SAHRA should be alerted immediately if archaeological material is uncovered during the course of construction. The area should be demarcated with danger tape. A professional archaeologist should be contacted immediately. It is mandatory to report any incident of human remains encountered to the South African Police Services, SAHRA staff member and professional archaeologist. The developer should induct field workers about archaeology and steps that should be taken in case of exposing archaeological materials.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit does not accept the submitted Heritage report by Magoma, 2015 based on the following:

- No map depicting the position of the finds in relation to the layout of the development has been supplied;
- No track logs showing the completed site visit were included in the report;
- The identified finds (Dew1 and Dew 2) need further investigation before SAHRA APM is satisfied that significant heritage resources will not be impacted by the proposed development.

Further comments will be issued once the Heritage component of the case is fully compliant.

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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