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## Final Comment

### In terms of Section 38(4), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: DPS79 Solar Energy (Pty) Ltd.

2nd Floor, Global House, 28 Sturdee Avenue, Rosebank, 2196

### Development of a power line as part of the proposed Waterloo Solar Photovoltaic Energy facility near Vryburg, North West Province

Thank you for notifying SAHRA regarding the change in alignment of the Waterloo Powerline as part of the Waterloo Solar Photovoltaic Energy facility near Vryburg, North West Province as indicated in the updated layout plan (Drawing number T.400).

*Van Schalkwyk, J. October 2017. Solar Power Plant Power Line, Farm Waterloo, North West Province.*

The heritage practitioner assessed the new alignment of the power line and has stated with a high degree of confidence that the deviation will not impact on sites, features or objects of cultural significance. Should any archaeological sites or graves be exposed during construction work, they must be reported immediately to a heritage practitioner so that an investigation and evaluation of finds can be made.

*Almond, J. October 2017. Palaeontological Heritage Comment: Waterloo PV Solar Power Plant near Vryburg, North West Province.*

The proposed deviation will not materially change the conclusions and recommendations of the 2013 report as provided for in the EA application. The identified stromatolites have been mitigated (as shown in SAHRIS Permit Case ID 10938

<http://sahra.org.za/sahris/cases/sampling-stromatolites-farm-waterloo-992-vryburg-north-west-province>). The conditions of the 2013 report still apply with regards to avoiding the area encircled in Fig. 39 of the report and the exclusion of the sensitive stromatolite rich area and indicated in the report.

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The SAHRA Archaeological, Palaeontological and Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objection to the development and supports the recommendations of the specialists as referred to above. The recommendations of the specialists and the following conditions apply to the development and must be included in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr):

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- 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/Phillip Hine 021 462 5402) must be alerted. If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/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 subject to permits issued by SAHRA.
- Should the project be granted Environmental Authorisation, SAHRA must be notified and all relevant documents submitted 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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South African Heritage Resources Agency

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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.