

# Proposed 132kV Powerline for the Rooipunt Solar Thermal Power Park Project near Upington, Northern Cape

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## Final Comment

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

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### **POWERLINES FOR PROPOSED ROOIPUNT SOLAR THERMAL POWER PARK PROJECT NEAR UPINGTON, ZF MGCAWU DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE Heritage Impact Assessment**

Thank you for submitting the Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for the proposed overhead powerlines and associated infrastructure for the proposed Rooipunt Solar Thermal Power Park Project on the farm Rooipunt 617 near Upington, Northern Cape Province.

#### **Final Comment**

SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit accepts the submitted HIA and its recommendations. The recommendations provided in the HIA have been included in the BAR and EMPr. The following additional conditions apply for the project and must be incorporated into the Final BAR and EMPr:

- Should it not be possible to ensure a 50 m buffer between the historical mine complex, the site must be recorded in detail before a destruction permit can be applied for. The destruction permit must be applied for from the Northern Cape Provincial Heritage Authority (NBKB);
- A Walk-Down report must be submitted to SAHRA upon completion. The Walk-Down must be completed prior to construction;
- 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.
- The final BAR and appendices must be submitted to SAHRA upon submission to DEA. Should the project be granted Environmental Authorisation, SAHRA must be notified and all relevant documents

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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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**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.