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## Final Comment

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

Attention: Bluewave Capital SA (Pty) Ltd  
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### Proposed Wolmaransstad Municipality Solar Energy Facility, Near Wolmaransstad , North West Province

*van der Walt, J. December 2013. For the proposed Wolmaransstad Municipality 5MW Solar Energy Facility close to the town of Wolmaransstad in the North West Province.*

*Almond, J. November 2013. Recommended Exemption From Further Palaeontological Studies: Proposed Wolmaransstad Municipality Solar Energy Facility, Farm Wolmaransstad And Townlands 184, Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality, North West Province*

A 5MW Solar facility is proposed on the Remainder of Portion 2 of the Farm Wolmaransstad and Townlands 184, known as Wolmaransstad Solar Facility 108 by Bluewave Capital (Pty) Ltd, in the North West Province of South Africa. A Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment and a Letter of Exemption from further palaeontological studies was submitted in support of this application.

According to the specialist reports submitted to SAHRA three site alternatives have been earmarked for the development of the solar facility. In terms of archaeological heritage, the specialist report notes that the area surveyed falls outside the area known to have been occupied during the Iron Age. No Stone Age sites were identified; the author suggests that this is due to the lack of water resources, hilly outcrops and raw material that would have attracted hunter-gatherers to the area. From an archaeological perspective all three site alternatives were deemed appropriate by the specialist.

The paleontological report indicated that the entire area is underlain by unfossiliferous volcanic rocks of the Ventersdorp Group of early Precambrian age. The specialist recommended that exemption from further palaeontological studied should be granted to this project until such time that significant fossils are discovered during construction activities.

Decision.

Since no heritage resources were identified on all three alternatives for the Solar facility, SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objection to the proposed development. If archaeological/palaeontological or any other heritage resources heritage resources are identified during construction activities, SAHRA APM Unit (Mrs Colette Scheermyer/Mr Phillip Hine, tel. 021 462 4502) and an



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archaeologist/palaeontologist depending on the nature of the find must be alerted immediately to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resource is considered to be significant a Phase 2 rescue excavation may be necessary which the developer will have to fund. A permit will be required from the relevant heritage resources authority.

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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Colette Scheermeyer  
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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/151694>  
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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.



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