



## Letter

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

Attention: Dr Jayson Orton  
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**PROPOSED PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY PLANT ON FARM KLIPGATS PAN NEAR COPPERTON, NORTHERN CAPE. The present application is for a permit to mitigate seven LSA archaeological sites in the development area. They lie near Copperton in the Northern cape.**

Dear Dr Orton,

Re: Orton, J., February 2014. Final Archaeological 'Walk Through' For The Approved Pv Facility On The Remainder Of Portion 4 Of Klipgats Pan 117, Prieska Magisterial District, Northern Cape

The SAHRA APM Unit has received your walk through report for the PV solar energy facility proposed on portion 4 of Klipgats Pan 117. The necessity for the walk through was dictated by a change in layout of the original plan for the PV solar energy facility. SAHRA had already commented on this project in June 2012.

The report was submitted along with a permit application for excavation and mitigation of seven archaeological sites.

During the assessment fifty-three occurrences were identified. These include sites from medium to high to low significance and single occurrences of stone tools.

SAHRA wishes to remind you that the ordinary process would require you to submit the report before submitting the application for the mitigation of the sites. This would allow for SAHRA to make recommendations on the report, if necessary require further details, and then submit recommendations.

In this specific instance, SAHRA agreed to issue the seven permits. However, we would like to highlight the following for future reference:

- the description of the sites is minimal and insufficient;
- the lack of description of the sites results in a lack of motivation for mitigation, especially when referring to sites of low significance.





In future, please ensure that all these details are clearly explained and established in the report. In the absence of these details, no mitigation applications will be considered.

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:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/49512>  
(DEA, Ref: 12/12/20/2501)

