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## **Final Comment**

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

Attention: DPT Hennenman (Pty) Ltd

**The activities entail the development of a photovoltaic solar facility and associated infrastructure on the remaining extent of Farm Vogelsrand No. 373, Registration Division Ventersburg, situated within the Mathjhabeng Local Municipality area of jurisdiction. The town of Hennenman is located approximately 4km southeast of the proposed development (refer to the locality map – Figure A). The project entails the generation of up to 20MW electrical power through photovoltaic (PV) panels. The total footprint of the project will be approximately 53 hectares (including supporting infrastructure on site) that is located within the larger affected property. The property on which the facility is to be constructed will be leased by DPT Hennenman (Pty) Ltd from the property owner, for the lifespan of the project (minimum of 20 years).**

Environamics Environmental Consultants was appointed by DPT Hennenman (Pty) Ltd to undertake the Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed development of a 20MW photovoltaic solar facility and associated infrastructure on the remaining extent of Farm Vogelsrand No. 373 in Hennenman, Mathjhabeng Local Municipality, Free State (14/12/16/3/3/2/2233).

The Draft Scoping Report has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998 (NEMA), NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) 2014 Regulations. The total footprint of the project will be approximately 53 hectares (including all associated and supporting infrastructure on site). A moderate to low palaeontological significance has been allocated to the proposed development. It is therefore considered that the development is deemed appropriate and feasible and will not lead to detrimental impacts on the palaeontological resources of the area.

CTS Heritage has been appointed to provide heritage specialist input as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

*Lavin, J. 2022. HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT In terms of Section 38(8) of the NHRA for the Proposed*

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*Hennenman Solar Energy Facility development near Hennenman in the Free State*

No significant archaeological sites have been identified within the proposed development area. The development area is underlain by the Adelaide Formation of the Beaufort Group, Jurassic dolerite and Quaternary sands.

*Lavin, J. 2022. ARCHAEOLOGICAL SPECIALIST STUDY In terms of Section 38(8) of the NHRA for a Proposed Hennenman Solar Energy Facility development near Hennenman in the Free State*

No heritage resources were identified within the development area.

*Chapelle, K. 2022. PALAEOONTOLOGICAL SPECIALIST STUDY In terms of Section 38(8) of the NHRA for a Proposed Hennenman Solar Energy Facility development near Hennenman in the Free State*

The development footprint has been disturbed by historical agricultural activities. A desktop palaeontological study has been undertaken and the development area is underlain by the Adelaide Formation of the Beaufort Group, Jurassic dolerite and Quaternary sands. Should important fossil material be found during excavations, the attached Fossil Finds Procedure must be implemented.

The SAHRA Development Application Unit (DAU) issued an interim comment which requested the submission of the Draft Environmental Impacts Assessment (DEIA) document and its appendices. The DEIA and the Final EIA were subsequently attached to the development application on SAHRIS on the 05/05/2023 and 06/06/2023.

**Final Comment**

The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 3(4) of the NEMA Regulations and section 38(8) of the NHRA in the format provided in section 38(4) of the NHRA. The comment must be sent directly to the Competent Authority:

- 38(4)a – The SAHRA Development Application Unit (DAU) has no objections to the proposed

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development;

- 38(4)b – The recommendations of the specialists are supported and must be adhered to. No further recommendations are provided for the development;
- 38(4)c(i) – 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 (Sityhilelo Ngcatsha/Natasha Higgitt 021 202 8660) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)c(ii) – If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/Ngqalabutho Madida 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)d – See section 51 of the NHRA regarding offences;
- 38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:
  - If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. 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;
  - The decision regarding the Amendment of the EA Application must be communicated to SAHRA and uploaded to the SAHRIS Case application.

Please attach proof on the development application on SAHRIS that the comment was sent to the Competent 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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Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/598516>

**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.