Boitumelo Solar Power Plant

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In terms of Section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Boitumelo Solar Power Plant (RF) (Pty) Ltd.

The activity entails the development of a photovoltaic solar facility and associated infrastructure on Portion 4 of the Farm Houthaaldoorns 2, Registration Division IP, North West Province situated within the Ditsobotla Local Municipality area of jurisdiction. The proposed development is located in the North West province in the northern central interior of South-Africa. The town of Lichtenburg is located approximately 15km south of the proposed development. You are welcome to use the attached maps in your reports. The project entails the generation of up to 150MW electrical power through photovoltaic (PV) panels. The total footprint of the project will approximately be 300 hectares (including supporting infrastructure on site)

Environamic Environmental Consultants have been appointed by Boitumelo Solar Power Plant (RF) (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) application process for the proposed development of a photovoltaic solar facility and associated infrastructure on Portion 4 of the Farm Houthaaldoorns 2, Registration Division IP, Ditsobotla Local Municipality, North West Province.

Kindly upload all documents pertaining to the Environmental Authorisation Application Process. As per section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA), an assessment of heritage resources must form part of the process and the assessment must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA. This must include a field assessment of the impact of the proposed project on palaeontological resources as the footprint is in an area of very high palaeosensitivity.

Once all documents including all appendices are uploaded to the case application, please ensure that the status of the case is changed from DRAFT to SUBMITTED. Please ensure that all documents produced as part of the EA process are submitted as part of the application.

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Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above. The applicant is advised to extend the EA process in terms of section 19(1)b of the NEMA EIA regulations in order to comply with this comment.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted

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above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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