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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(3), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Sediba Solar Power Plant (RF (Pty) Ltd

The activity entails the development of a photovoltaic solar facility and associated infrastructure on the Remaining Extent of the Farm Kliprug No. 344, Registration Division Parys, Free State Province situated within the Ngwathe Local Municipality area of jurisdiction. The proposed development is located in the Free State province in the central interior of South-Africa. The town of Parys is located approximately 2km north of the proposed development. The project entails the generation of up to 150MW electrical power through photovoltaic (PV) panels. The total footprint of the project will approximately be 270 hectares (including supporting infrastructure on site).

Thank you for notifying the SAHRA on the proposed development of a photovoltaic solar facility and associated infrastructure on the Remaining Extent of the Farm Kliprug No. 344 in Parys, Free State Province.

The project entails the generation of up to 150MW electrical power through photovoltaic (PV) panels. The total footprint of the project will be approximately 270 hectares.

It is noted that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) will be undertaken as per section 38(3) and 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) as part of the EIA process. This must include an archaeological component, palaeontological component and any other applicable heritage components.

The archaeological component of the HIA should follow the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological Component of Impact Assessment Report. The quickest process to follow for the archaeological component would be to contract a qualified archaeologist (see www.asapa.co.za or www.aphp.org.za).

The proposed development area is located in an area of insignificant sensitivity in terms of palaeontological resources as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map, therefore, no palaeontological studies are required.

Any other heritage resources as defined in section 3 of the NHRA that may be impacted, such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewsapes must also be assessed.

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The NEMA EIA documents and appendices must be submitted at the start of the public review periods in order for an informed comment to be issued that can be incorporated into the final reports for submission 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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