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Interim Comment

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

Attention: SRK Consulting (Pty) Ltd - Johannesburg

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Swallow PV Project, North West Province

SRK Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd has been appointed to undertake the Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the development 150 MW Swallow PV facility and Associated Infrastructure on the farms Stilfontein RE26/408, Witstinkhoutbaken 1/409 and Doornplaat RE4/410 in the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality, North West Province (DFFE Reference Number: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2741).

The Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, Act 107 of 1998) and the NEMA EIA Regulations. The study area has an extent of 310 ha and it is located within the Klerksdorp Renewable Energy Development Zone (REDZ). The development includes BESS, 11 - 33kV transmission lines, IPP-side of the Sunbird on-site substation and associated internal infrastructure and facilities inter alia access roads, fencing, lighting, water supply infrastructure, laydown areas and offices.

Beyond 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).

14 heritage resources have been identified on the Stilfontein Solar Energy Facilities Cluster which consists of:

- sites of Low density MSA scatters (SF001, SF002 and SF003) which are considered to be of low heritage significance and no mitigation is required.
- Sites of Isolated and low density lithic Artefacts (SF004, SF005, SF006, SF007) which are considered to be of low heritage significance and no mitigation is required.
- A Historical Farmstead (SF008) considered to be of low heritage significance. Monitoring of the

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development must be done by the ECO during construction to implement the Chance Find Procedure.

- A stone wall (SF009) considered to be of low heritage significance, however the site must be avoided with a 30 m buffer. If not possible the site should be mapped and recorded prior to applying for a destruction permit
- A small stone-built structure (SF010) considered to be of low heritage significance however no Impact is anticipated and no mitigation required.
- A Stone and cement platform (SF103) considered to be of low heritage significance and no mitigation required.
- Sites with Ruins (SF101, SF102) considered to be of low heritage significance, however, monitoring of the development must be done by the ECO during construction to implement the Chance Find Procedure.
- Burial site (SF011) which must be avoided with a 60 m buffer and it must demarcated, maintained and access for family must be ensured. A grave management plan for Project 2 Sunbird must be compiled and implemented.

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An Isolated Lithic artefact (SF006), Stone and cement platform (SP103) and Stone wall (SP009) was identified.

Mitigation Recommendations:

- SF009 - Site SF009 should preferably be avoided with a 30 m buffer. If not possible the site should be mapped and recorded prior to applying for a destruction permit.
- SF103 - No Mitigation required as the sites are of Low Significance.
- SF006- The site is located within Snipe Project 4 area and it is off Low Significance.

It is noted that a Palaeontological Impact Assessment has been undertaken by Prof Marion Bamford, however the report has not been submitted to the development application.

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The SAHRA Development Application Unit (DAU) notes the heritage studies along with the recommendations provided therein. Please submit the PIA before further comments can be issued.

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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.