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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: Table Mountain Solar Power Plant (RF) (Pty) Ltd

The activities entail the development of an up to 150MW photovoltaic solar facility and associated infrastructure on the Remaining Extent farm Christina No. 1037 and the Remaining Extent of Farm Dina No. 1039, Registration Division Harrismith, situated within the Maluti-a-Phofong Local Municipality area of jurisdiction. The town of Harrismith is located approximately 13km east of the proposed development (refer to the attached locality maps). 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) within the assessed 413ha EIA footprint. The property on which the facility is to be constructed will be leased by Table Mountain Solar Power Plant (RF) (Pty) Ltd from the property owner, for the lifespan of the project (minimum of 20 years).

Thank you for notifying the SAHRA on the proposed development of an up to 150MW photovoltaic solar facility and associated infrastructure on the Remaining Extent farm Christina No. 1037 and the Remaining Extent of Farm Dina No. 1039 in Harrismith situated within the Maluti-a-Phofong Local Municipality, Free State.

The total footprint of the project will approximately be 300 hectares (including supporting infrastructure on site) within the assessed 413ha EIA footprint.

As the proposed development is undergoing an EA Application process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, it is incumbent on the developer to ensure that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) is done as per section 38(3) and 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). This must include an archaeological component, palaeontological component and any other applicable heritage components. The HIA must be conducted as part of the EA Application in terms of NEMA and the NEMA EIA Regulations.

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 mostly within an area of very high and moderate sensitivity in

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terms of palaeontological resources as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. As such, a field based Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) must be undertaken by a qualified palaeontologist (See <https://www.palaeosa.org/heritage-practitioners.html> for a list of qualified palaeontologists). The report must comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments.

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.

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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