



## Letter

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

Attention: Mr Shaun Taylor  
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### Proposed Construction of a Wind Farm and Photovoltaic (PV) Facility near Loeriesfontein, Northern Cape Province, South Africa

SAHRA notes that the 480MW Wind Farm facility proposed near Loeriesfontein by Mainstream Renewable Power South Africa has been split into two individual facilities of 140MW each. These are the Loeriesfontein and Khobab Wind Energy Facilities.

SAHRA confirms that the heritage studies conducted for the original application still stand and no new studies are required. As such, the recommendations endorsed in the SAHRA comment of 9 August 2012 still stand.

These recommendations are copied below for your convenience:

- The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorite Unit has no objection to the development (in terms of the archaeological and palaeontological components of the heritage resources). If any new evidence of archaeological sites or artefacts, palaeontological fossils, graves or other heritage resources are found during development, construction or mining, SAHRA (Katie Smuts/Colette Scheermeyer, Tel: 021 462 4502) and a professional archaeologist must be alerted immediately.
- The archaeological sites recorded should be protected. These should be fenced off before and during construction and clearly marked on all construction maps. The fencing – temporary fencing will suffice – should be 5m from the outer limit of the site and a buffer of at least 20m from the edge of the sites needs to be maintained.
- The graves should be restored where these are dilapidated, protected and conserved in perpetuity. For this purpose, a proper fence must be build around them including entry gates to allow visits from relatives and family friends. The fence must be placed 5 meters away from the perimeter of the graves. No development is allowed within 15 meters from the fence line surrounding the graves. Alternatively, if the area where the burials are located fall within the development footprint, then provisions stipulated in section 36 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act No. 25 of 1999) are applicable, and relocation of these might proceed provided that a public consultation process is followed (see [http://www.sahra.org.za/sites/default/files/website/articledocs/SahraRegulations\\_0.pdf](http://www.sahra.org.za/sites/default/files/website/articledocs/SahraRegulations_0.pdf)).
- Decisions on Built Environment (e.g. structures over 60 years) and Cultural Landscapes and associated Living Heritage (e.g. sacred sites) must be made by the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority of the Northern Cape (**Mr. Andrew Timothy, [ratha.timothy@gmail.com](mailto:ratha.timothy@gmail.com)**) to whom this **Archaeological Review Comment will be copied.**





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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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/110744>  
(DEA, Ref: 12/12/20/2321/1) (DEA, Ref: 12/12/20/2321/3)

**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.

