



## **Interim Comment**

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

Attention:

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### **Proposed Garob Wind Energy Facility Project, Northern Cape Province (DEA Ref No. 14/12/16/3/3/2/279)**

van der Walt, J. April 2012. *Heritage Scoping Report for the Proposed Garob Wine Energy Facility Project, Copperton, Northern Cape*

Garob Wind Farms (Pty) Ltd has proposed the establishment of a wind farm on 5520 ha of Portion 5 of Farm Nelspoortjie 103, near Copperton in the Northern Cape. Project infrastructure will include up to 55 2-3 MW turbines built on concrete foundations, connected by cables laid underground where possible as well as on-site substations, an overhead power line, internal access roads to each turbine and maintenance and storage facilities. The receiving area is largely flat, with several drainage lines traversing the site, but no major landscape features. The vegetation is Karoo scrub and grass, with some thorn trees.

The author prepared a Scoping Report, which incorporated a literature survey, and consultation of databases and maps. A survey of local heritage work revealed that ESA, MSA and LSA sites are known from the area, with MSA and LSA sites more densely concentrated around sources of water. Stone kraals have also been identified. An archival history of the farm Nelspoortjie could not be established, although it appears in documents between 1889 and 1890.

### **Decision:**

SAHRA supports the recommendations of the author and requires that a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment be conducted in order to locate, identify, describe and record all heritage resources on the property. The significance of these resources should be determined and recommendations should be made regarding the process to be followed (as indicated in section 38). For example, there may need to be a mitigation phase (Phase 2) where the specialist will collect or excavate material and date the site.

As already mentioned in the Scoping Report, a Phase 1 Palaeontological Impact Assessment will also be conducted.

Any other heritage resources that may be impacted such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural





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significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewscapes must also be assessed.

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:**  
(DEA, Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/279)

**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.



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