



Final Comment

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

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Proposed Development of a 75 MW Photovoltaic Solar Plant and Associated Infrastructure on a Portion of the Remaining Extent of the Farm Rosendal 673, Registration Division IN, Situated within the Naledi Local Municipality Area of Jurisdiction

van Schalkwyk, J. June 2012. *Heritage impact assessment for the Proposed Development of Photovoltaic Power Plants on Four Different Locations in North West and Northern Cape Provinces*

Sediba Solar Power Plant (Pty) Ltd has proposed the establishment of four Photovoltaic Solar Energy Facilities in the North West and Northern Cape Provinces. One of these facilities will be located on the Farm Rosendal 673, south of Vryburg. The site is 150 ha and the facility will generate up to 75 MW of electricity. The receiving environment is flat, with no notable topographic features, and is currently used for grazing.

The archaeological report relates that the area has been inhabited since the Early Stone Age, with artefacts from this time found fairly frequently along watercourses and near hills. Substantial numbers of stone engravings are known from the area, dating to the Later Stone Age. Iron Age sites in the area are limited to those dating to the Late Iron Age, with stone walled sites related to Tswana occupation of the area. Historically, Vryburg was established in 1883 and a large concentration camp was set up on its outskirts during the South African War. The site survey yielded no heritage resources.

Decision:

SAHRA requires that:

- A palaeontological assessment be compiled for the proposed project. This report must be submitted to SAHRA for comment before the project can proceed. If the palaeontologist deems the fossil resources of the area to be of low significance, or if the impact of the development is unlikely to be high, a letter of exemption from further palaeontological studies may be submitted to SAHRA.

As there is apparently no evidence of any significant archaeological material in this area, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit has no objection to the development (in terms of the archaeological component of the heritage resources) on condition that, if any new evidence of archaeological sites or artefacts, graves or other heritage resources are found during development, construction or mining, SAHRA and an archaeologist must be alerted immediately.





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:

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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.

