



Final Comment

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

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Proposed San Solar Energy Facility & Associated Infrastructure on a Site near Kathu, Northern Cape

Gaigher, S. February 2013. *Heritage Impact Assessment Report Environmental Impact Assessment Phase: Proposed Establishment of the San Solar Energy Facility, Located North of Kathu on a Portion of Farm Wincanton 472, Northern Cape Province*

San Solar Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd has proposed the establishment of a 75MW Photovoltaic Solar Energy Facility on approximately 300 ha of Portion of Farm Wincanton 472. The accompanying infrastructure for this project will include an on-site substation and overhead power line to facilitate connection between the SEF and the Eskom grid, access roads, security facilities, a warehouse, offices and staff facilities.

The archaeologist conducted background research and a site survey. Background research revealed that several Archaeological Impact Assessments had been conducted in the area, with two recording low density stone tool occurrences of low significance, and one referencing possible historic features in the landscape. The area is known to contain traces of Early, Middle and Later Stone Age material, as well as remains from the Iron Age; historically, the area was important for the mining industry.

The site survey identified a four possible quartz artefacts across an area of approximately 300m². Railway related structures were identified as being outside of the study area to the west and not under threat, but these were neither described, photographed nor indicated on any map.

Case Decision:

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, palaeontological fossils, graves or other heritage resources are found during development, construction or mining, SAHRA (Katie Smuts/ Colette Scheermeyer, tel: 021 462 4502) and an archaeologist and/or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be alerted immediately.

Decisions on Built Environment (e.g. structures over 60 years) and associated Living Heritage (e.g. sacred sites) must be made by the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority of the Northern Cape (**Mr. Andrew Timothy, email: 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:

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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.

