Sishen solar energy facility

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Final Comment

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

Attention: Mr Jaco Uys Windfall 59 Properties Pty Ltd Building 30, The Woodlands Woodlands Drive Woodmead Sandton 2191

Establishment of the proposed Sishen solar energy facility, Northern Cape

In December 2010 SAHRA reviewed the archaeological impact assessment for the proposed Sishen solar energy facility on Portion 6 of Farm Wincanton 472. The recommendations then made by SAHRA regarding the heritage resources identified in the area were revised in December 2012, after the layout of the facility was changed to protect the dolines located within the study area.

SAHRA then agreed to issue a second set of recommendations, which would supercede the first ones, based on the final layout of the solar energy facility. These indicated that no development activity was to occur within 200m of the dolines.

Subsequent to further discussions with Savannah (Pty) Ltd in March 2013, and in consultation with the archaeologist responsible for the survey of the property and the identification of the dolines, SAHRA has a agreed to a final revision which follows.

Case Decision:

- All graves should be permanently fenced off. Graves must be protected and conserved and restored
 when they are dilapidated. The fence must include entry gates to allow visits and 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.
- The two dolines must be considered as a no-go area and fenced off temporarily during construction. These Stone Age sites may be of significance and must, therefore, be indicated on all site plans in order to avoid any impacts on them. No development, including no construction activity, human or vehicular access, may occur within the no-go area around the dolines, and no development should occur closer than the approximately 93m from the centre as indicated in the current layout plans.
- If any new evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g., remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, marine shell and charcoal/ash concentrations), unmarked human burials, fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during mining activities, SAHRA APM Unit (Katie Smuts/Colette Scheermeyer 021 462 4502) must be alerted immediately, and an accredited professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, according to the nature of the findings, must be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly



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discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary.

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.

