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Letter

In terms of Section 38(8), 38(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Landscape Dynamics Environmental Consultants

Landscape Dynamics Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd was appointed by Mulilo Renewable Project Developments (Pty) Ltd to obtain Environmental Authorisation for the Mercury Cluster Solar PV Project and associated gridline infrastructure. The project will involve the development of five Photo Voltaic (PV) solar facilities on privately owned land in the vicinity of Viljoenskroon in the Free State Province, together with associated grid connections (power lines) to connect the solar farms to the existing Mercury Transmission Substation (MTS).

Thank you for notifying the SAHRA Development Application Unit (DAU) of the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment's decision to grant Environmental Authorisation for the 120MW Ratpan Solar PV1 project on the Remainder of Ratpan No 441, near Viljoenskroon in the Moqhaka Local Municipality, Free State Province.

The EA document was attached to the development application o SAHRIS on the 14/07/2023 and it was granted on the 10/07/023. It is noted in the Specific Conditions of the EA (condition 34 and 41) that sites of heritage sensitivity will be demarcated as no go areas and SAHRA will be notified of any identified heritage resources.

It must be noted that the Final Comment issued by SAHRA on the 04/05/2023 must still be complied with.

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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Direct URL to case: https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/615600 (DFFE, Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2730)

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.