

Final Comment

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

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Development of a photovoltaic solar energy facility on the farm Remainder of Portion 1 and Portion 10 of the farm Spes Bona No. 2355, District Bloemfontein, Province of Free State

Dreyer, C. December 2013. First Phase Archaeological & Heritage Assessment of The Proposed Solar Farm Developments At Spesbona 2355, Bloemfontein

Smith, A. May 2014. Appraisal of Inferred Palaeontological Sensitivity of a Site for a Potential Photo Voltaic Farm (Portions 1 and 6 of Farm Spes Bona No. 2355, near Bloemfontein, Free State province).

The proposed development entails a Photovoltaic installation, with associated infrastructure on the Farm Spes Bona 2355, located to the west of the N8 main road from Bloemfontein to Petrusburg. The farm lies adjacent to the historical farm Kwaggafontein.

The author of the archaeological assessment noted that the study area consists of sterile red sandy soil, with clear indications of crop cultivation and was until recently still used as plough lands. The author states that no archaeological, historical or cultural material or graves were found at the site.

The palaeontological study found that Beaufort rock rocks are present at Spes Bona but the weathering of these is severe. Fresh rocks will be present at depth, but well below the foundation depth of the proposed project. Pre-mammalian terrestrial vertebrates and Permo-Triassic fossils may occur, but well below the foundation depth. The author states that the palaeontological sensitivity of the project on the project area is low.

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Based on the information submitted to SAHRA, it is unlikely that significant archaeological or palaeontological heritage resources will be impacted by the proposed work. As such, SAHRA has no objection to the proposed developemnt on condition that:

- A protocol for dealing with chance palaeontological finds be included for the project.
- If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains, unmarked human burials, fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed activities, the SAHRA APM Unit must be alerted immediately, and a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must



be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly 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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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/162954>
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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.

