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## Final Comment

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

Attention: University of Pretoria

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**University of Pretoria Solar PV Plant on the Farm Koedoespoort 456-JR Two solar arrays are proposed. Each will be 2.6MW. The total MW will therefore be 5.2MW. Each solar array will be approximately 7.62ha. The total size to develop will be approximately 15.24ha.**

**Pelser, A. June 2022. Motivation For Exemption From Full Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment – Proposed University Of Pretoria (UP) Solar Facility Development On A Portion Of Koedoespoort 456JR, University Of Pretoria, City Of Tshwane**

The proposed project entails a solar facility and associated infrastructure.

The author motivates for exemption of a full heritage impact assessment for the proposed project as follows: The area where the proposed development will take place would have been utilized in the historical past for agricultural purposes, and as part of the UP Experimental Farm property this has been an on-going activity in the recent past as well. The area has been ploughed and used for agricultural purposes and these activities would have severely impacted on any archaeological and/or historical sites, features or material that might have been present here.

Based on the site assessment, aerial images and desktop study it is therefore deemed unlikely that any significant sites, features or material of cultural heritage (archaeological and/or historical) origin might exist in the study area.

The SA Palaeontological Sensitivity Map indicates that the study area has Insignificant fossil sensitivity.

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Considering the evidence provided, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit grants exemption to this project from having to undertake further heritage assessments, on condition that:



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- The recommendations in the letter of exemption and this comment are adhered to.  
- If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g., remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments and charcoal/ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed activities, SAHRA 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.

If any unmarked human burials are uncovered and the archaeologist called in to inspect the finds and/or the police find them to be heritage graves, mitigation may be necessary and the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit must be contacted for processes to follow.

Should the project be granted Environmental Authorisation, SAHRA must be notified and all relevant documents submitted to the case on SAHRIS.

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:**

Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/600007>

**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.