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Interim Comment

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

Attention: TFS Solar

Updated Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report

Van Vollenhoven, A. August 2015. Heritage Statement And Letter For HIA Exemption Request: Waterval Solar Park, Gauteng Province.

The proposed development entails a solar park and associated infrastructure.

The author states that the study area has been highly disturbed by agricultural activities and that it is therefore highly unlikely that any significant archaeological heritage material has survived.

Interim Comment

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

- 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), are found during the proposed activities, SAHRA must be alerted immediately, and a professional archaeologist must be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological significance a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary.

In terms of potential palaeontological resources, the SA Palaeontological Sensitivity Map indicates that the study area has Very High fossil sensitivity, and therefore SAHRA requires a palaeontological field assessment and protocol for finds. Once this assessment has been submitted to SAHRA, SAHRA APM will be able to provide further comments.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

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Yours faithfully

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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.