

## Interim Comment

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

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### Proposed Bosjesmansberg Solar Energy Facility to Kronos Substation 132 kV Power Line, Near Copperton in the Northern Cape

*van der Walt, J., 20 December 2013. Archaeological Impact Assessment for the proposed Bosjesmansberg Solar Facility and associated power line options, located close to Copperton in the Northern Cape.*

Networx Renewables (Pty) Ltd is proposing the establishment of up to four solar energy facilities on Farm Bosjesmansberg. Four different projects, East, West, Centre and South have already followed the Environmental Impact Assessment Process and SAHRA commented on the related Environmental Impact Reports in March 2014.

This new application relates to the connection of the proposed solar farm to the Eskom grid through a 132kV power line from the proposed solar facilities to the Kronos substation. Two alternatives for the route were proposed.

The archaeologist did not undertake a survey along the two alternatives, but he only studied them at a desktop level. According to the specialist this is because the areas were assessed during previous projects. The specialist does mention some sites which were previously identified in the area, but these were not mapped to show the proximity of these sites to the proposed alternatives for the power line. It is also unclear whether Alternative 1 or Alternative 2 was previously surveyed since the information provided at pages 15 and 40 of the Archaeological Impact Assessment appear to be contradictory.

### SAHRA Recommendations

A desktop assessment of the line would normally not be sufficient and the explanation provided in the report does not justify well enough the decision of not undertaking a site survey for the two alternatives.

Therefore, should either alternative 1 or alternative 2 be chosen as preferred option, a field survey of the specific line must be undertaken. This may then possibly recommend adjustment in the position of the pylons and/or the undertaking of a Phase 2 mitigation.

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

Yours faithfully

# Bosjesmansberg Solar Facility to Kronos Substation

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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/162117>  
(DEA, Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1151)

## 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.



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