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To whom it may concern

Via Mr R Netshiremebe
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**LETTER OF EXEMPTION OF AN HIA FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A GRI-
CONNECTED 20MW_p PHOTOVOLTAIC POWER PLANT & ITS ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE
ON PORTION 434 OF TOWN AND TOWNLANDS 435 IQ, POTCHEFSTROOM, NORTH WEST**

I refer to the SAHRA comments on this project, dated 11 June 2012. It is hereby confirmed that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) was done in June 2011 (Reference AE1155) and that no cultural heritage features, sites or objects were identified. The entire area was found to be disturbed by recent human intervention which would make the possibility of finding such sites very unlikely.

As far as my knowledge goes the 20 MW project will be done on the same land which was surveyed in June 2011. This project is found within the same project boundary which therefore includes both these developments and this entire area was surveyed during the said investigation.

I can therefore conclude that the 20MW project can be exempted from a HIA. The developer should however note that due to the nature of archaeological material, such sites, objects or features as well as graves and burials may be uncovered during construction activities on site. In such a case work should cease immediately and an archaeologist should be contacted as a matter of urgency in order to assess such occurrences.

I trust that you will find this in order.

Yours faithfully

Dr AC van Vollenhoven: Co-Director