Archaeological Mitigation Mier Rietfontein Solar PV and Battery Storage Project

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PERMIT: Collection, Excavation, Test Excavation, Analysis

In terms of Section 35(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Permit Holder: Mr Wouter Fourie

PGS Heritage (Pty) Ltd

PO Box 32542 Totiusdal 0134

Site: Mier Roetfontein PV - MR001 (MR001, MR002, MR003, MR004, MR005, MR006, MR007, MR008)

For mitigation of Sites MR001 – MR008 located within the authorised Mier PV Solar Facility on Farm Mier 585, near Rietfontein, Northern Cape Province. Sites MR001 – MR008 comprise surface scatters of Early and Middle Stone Age lithics of medium heritage significance. These sites will be impacted by the authorised construction of the PV solar facility and associated infrastructure. The mitigated material will be accessioned and curated by the McGregor Museum, Kimberley, Northern Cape Province.

Conditions:

- 1. This permit is issued to Mr. Wouter Fourie (PGS Heritage (Pty) Ltd)).
- 2. If the permit holder is not to be present on the site at all times then SAHRA must be provided with the names and qualifications of the authorised representatives.
- 3. Excavation methods include surface collection, survey and mapping, stratigraphic excavations using test pits (1x1m) or 10cm spits. Collected artefacts must be recorded prior to sampling and sites must be mapped using a site grid.
- 4. Adequate recording methods as specified in the Regulations and Guidelines pertaining to the National Heritage Resources Act must be employed. Note that the position of all excavations and objects collected must be marked on a plan of the site.
- 5. A standard site record form must be lodged with the McGregor Museum, Kimberley, Northern Cape Province.
- 6. All material collected and excavated, as well as field notes and records, will be curated by the McGregor



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Museum, who will be responsible for the permanent curation and safekeeping of all artefactual material in a condition that allows ongoing research. Mitigated material, field notes and records must be lodged with the McGregor Museum upon the submission of the permit report. Proof of material accessioning must be provided to SAHRA in the permit report.

- 7. A final report on the results of the mitigation and analyses must be uploaded to the case as a Heritage Report file by the date of the expiry of the permit using the template in the following link: https://sahris.sahra.org.za/content/apmpermitreports. SAHRA reserves the right to withhold further permits if progress is not deemed satisfactory. No information protected by POPIA must be included in the report. If there is a delay in submitting the report, SAHRA must be informed in writing.
- 8. Reprints of all published papers or copies of theses and/or reports resulting from this work must be lodged with SAHRA.
- 9. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to obtain permission from the landowner for each visit, and the excavator is responsible for ensuring that he or she has an understanding with the landowner concerning: the number of visitors and workers; conditions for camping on the property; speed limits on access roads; possible prohibitions on off-road driving; size, type and number of vehicles permitted; possible prohibitions on trespassing beyond the site; disturbing fauna, flora or substrate; erection and demolition of structures on the site; appropriate hours of visiting and working on the site; use of firewood, electricity and water; lighting fires and the prevention of uncontrolled fires and any fencing necessary to protect livestock. Conditions of access imposed by the landowner must be observed.
- 10. The permitted excavator shall be responsible for the activities and impacts of all colleagues, students and employees under his or her supervision.
- 11. Excavators must take measures to ensure the safety of any person who may enter the excavation site as part of their excavation team or as their visitor.
- 12. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to protect sites during and after excavation and to ensure that, where appropriate, excavations are filled in or stabilised with adequate materials (e.g. Loffelstein blocks or army bags in geotextile) to the satisfaction of SAHRA and the landowner.
- 13. SAHRA shall not be liable for any losses, damages or injuries to persons or properties as a result of any activities in connection with this permit.

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- 14. SAHRA reserves the right to cancel this permit by notice to the permit holder.
- 15. This permit is subject to a general appeal and may be suspended should an appeal against the decisions be received by SAHRA within 14 days from the date of the permit. SAHRA may not be held responsible for any costs or losses incurred in the event of the suspension or retraction of this permit.
- 16. Request to renew permits must be done at least two months prior to the expiry of the existing permit.

This permit is valid from 23/04/2023 to 23/04/2024

Natasha Higgitt

Manager: Development Applications Unit South African Heritage Resources Agency

Additional Info:

Please note that this permit may be suspended should an appeal against the decisions be received by SAHRA within 14 days from the date of the permit. SAHRA may not be held responsible for any costs or losses incurred in the event of the suspension or retraction of this permit.

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