



## **Final Comment**

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

Attention: Mr M Mbanjwa  
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### **Proposed Roggeveld Wind Farm, Western and Northern Cape (DEA Ref: 12/12/20/1988)**

Your letter regarding the above application dated 28 February 2013 refers;

On 6 January 2012, SAHRA issued a Final Comment with respect to the above application based on information included in the HIA, as well as the comment provided by Heritage Western Cape (HWC) that "... turbines (are) not to be located on the top of the ridgelines". Subsequent to this response, the proposed layout was amended so that turbines will no longer be placed on prominent hills, specifically, Spitskop and Tafelkop. HWC issued a Final Comment on 23 January 2013 supporting the proposal in its amended form.

According to the HIA completed by ACO Associates in March 2011, the Northern Cape section of the wind energy facility is proposed on two mountainous ridges and it will be distributed over the farms Ekkraal, Wilgebosch Rivier, Rietfontein, Karreebosch and Klipbanks. Despite visibility and access being an issue for some of the sections of the area proposed for the development, the archaeologists identified many heritage resources.

The HIA described the impact of the turbines as follows:

"The turbine rows will be highly visible from the R354 between Sutherland and Matjiesfontein occupying some 40 linear km of landscape on the western side of the road. While the R354 is not a heritage resource as such, it does link two heritage rich communities which are strongly contextually linked with the Karoo experience, hence the proposed development could impact the sense of place associated with both towns."

### **Case Decision:**

In line with previous SAHRA decisions regarding wind turbine placement along the R354, it is requested that:

- No turbines are to be located within 3kms of the R354 in order to create a visual buffer between the road and the development.
- Ancillary infrastructure should be no closer than 500m to the R354.
- All other recommendations of the SAHRA review comment of 6 January 2012, besides that regarding the removal of turbines from mountain ridges, should be followed.

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:**  
(DEA, Ref: 12/12/20/1988)

**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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