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## Interim Comment

### In terms of Section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Tiger Kloof Solar (Pty) Ltd. proposes the development of a 75MW Solar Farm and associated infrastructure on Portion 3 and Portion 4 of the farm Waterloo 730, located about 3km east of the town of Vryburg in the North West Province.

*van der Walt, J. 2014. Archaeological Impact Assessment for the proposed Tiger Kloof Photovoltaic Solar Energy facility near Vryburg, North West Province.*

*Almond, J. 2013. Proposed Tiger Kloof Photovoltaic Solar Energy Facility near Vryburg, Naledi Local Municipality, North West Province.*

A Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment and a Palaeontological Desktop Assessment was done for this project. In terms of the archaeological component of heritage resources, two sites were identified during the filed assessment.

Site 1 is an extensive Middle Stone Age (MSA) and Later Stone Age (LSA) open air site. The specialist indicated that the site is a no-go area. Site 2 is an elongated feature with a stone packed boundary. Several archaeological occurrences were identified but these are considered to be of low significance. The feature is orientated east-west and the specialist believes it to be a possible grave.

In terms of the palaeontological heritage resources the specialist indicated that the project area overlies potentially fossiliferous sediments of the Ghaap Group, the Dwyka Group, Boomplaas Formation, and Late Caenozoic as well as the probably unfossiliferous Vryburg Formation.

The palaeontologist indicated that it is very likely that scientifically important fossil stromatolites may occur on the farm Waterloo 730. A specialist field based palaeontological assessment was recommended.

An additional submission was made to case on SAHRIS on 31/10/2024 indicating the amendment to the Environmental Authorisation of Tiger Kloof Solar. Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd has been appointed to conduct the EA amendments in terms of Regulation 30(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended).



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The Applicant is requesting the amendment to the existing Environmental Authorisation:

- To amend/increase the total generation capacity of the solar PV facility from 100MW to 150MW, with no adjustment to the PV panel height and development footprint of the facility from that as authorised.
- To extend the validity of the Environmental Authorisation beyond 10 years.

The impact ratings as provided in the initial specialist assessments remain valid, and that the mitigation measures provided in the initial assessment and consequent assessments are still applicable.

On 12/11/2024, an Interim Comment was issued upholding the decision of the field-based palaeontological survey initially issued on 17/08/2015. Subsequently, an additional submission was made on 02/12/2024 of an EA Amendment approval letter. However, the requested field-based palaeontological report has still not been submitted.

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In light of the recent submission, a field-based PIA must be completed prior to construction. Should the applicant fail to do so, a Cease Works Order in terms of section 35(5) will be issued, halting the development until the field based PIA is completed.

The applicant must provide a letter of Undertaking that the field-based PIA will be conducted within 5 working days, or the SAHRA shall appeal the granting of the Amended EA.

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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