Proposed development of a jeep track for the Rondekop WEF Met Mast in the Northern Cape



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Final Decision

In terms of Section 38(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Karen de Bruyn Rondekop Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd The Pavilion, 2nd Floor Cnr Portswood & Dock Road V&A Waterfront Cape Town 8001

Rondekop Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd have submitted an application in terms of section 38(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) for the construction of a jeep track.

The proposed development is an ephemeral jeep track to be constructed in order to construct a Met Mast for the Rondekop WEF on the remaining extent of farms Venters Kraal 166, Hout Hoek 191 and Roodeheuvel 170.

The proposed development is in connection to the authorised Rondekop Wind Energy Facility found on case ID 12344 (<u>https://www.sahris.org.za/node/152813</u>) and case ID 23289 (<u>https://www.sahris.org.za/node/352065</u>). The HIAs and Walkdown Report submitted to SAHRIS identified several Heritage Resources in the proposed development area.

Final Decision

No further assessment of the impact to heritage resources is required as per section 38(2)a of the NHRA.

The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 38(4) of the NHRA:

- 38(4)a The SAHRA Development Application Unit (DAU) has no objections to the proposed development;
- The recommendations of the specialists in Heritage Walkdown Report and CMP must be adhered to;
- 38(4)c(i) If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA DAU (Boitshepo Motsodisa/Natasha Higgitt 021 202 8660) must be alerted as

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per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with this section of the NHRA is an offence in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;

- 38(4)c(ii) If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA DAU (Boitshepo Motsodisa/Natasha Higgitt 021 202 8660), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with this section of the NHRA is an offence in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)d See section 51(1) of the NHRA;
- 38(4)e The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists: i) If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA.

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

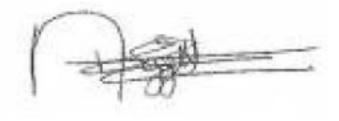
Yours faithfully

Boitshepo Motsodisa Heritage Officer: Development Applications Unit South African Heritage Resources Agency



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Natasha Higgitt Manager: Development Applications Unit South African Heritage Resources Agency 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.

ADMIN:

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