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RESPONSE TO HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT: FINAL COMMENT

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) and the Western Cape Provincial Gazette 6061, Notice 298 of 2003

HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT: PROPOSED MURA 1-4 PV FACILITIES, BEAUFORT WEST MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, WESTERN CAPE, SUBMITTED IN TERMS OF SECTION 38(1) OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT (ACT 25 OF 1999)

The matter above has reference.

This matter was discussed at the Heritage Officer Committee (HOMs) held on 11 April 2023.

FINAL COMMENT

The Committee resolved to endorse the HIA prepared by ASHA Consulting dated 15 December 2022 as meeting the requirements of Section 38 (3) of the NHRA and the following recommendations on page 60;

Mura 1 (Western Cape):

It is recommended that the proposed Mura 1 PV facility should be authorised but subject to the following recommendations which should be included as conditions of authorisation:

- A Fossil Chance Finds Procedure (as supplied in the palaeontological specialist study) must be included in the project EMPr;
- No stones may be removed from any archaeological site; and
- If any archaeological material or human burials are uncovered during the course of development, work in the immediate area should be halted. The find would need to be reported to the heritage authorities and may require inspection by an archaeologist. Such heritage is the property of the state and may require excavation and curation in an approved institution.

Mura 2 (Western Cape):

It is recommended that the proposed Mura 2 PV facility should be authorised but subject to the following recommendations which should be included as conditions of authorisation:

- A Fossil Chance Finds Procedure (as supplied in the palaeontological specialist study) must be included in the project EMPr;
- No stones may be removed from any archaeological site; and
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- If any archaeological material or human burials are uncovered during the course of development, work in the immediate area should be halted. The find would need to be reported to the heritage authorities and may require inspection by an archaeologist. Such heritage is the property of the state and may require excavation and curation in an approved institution.

Mura 4 (Western Cape):

It is recommended that the proposed Mura 4 PV facility should be authorised but subject to the following recommendations which should be included as conditions of authorisation:

- A Fossil Chance Finds Procedure (as supplied in the palaeontological specialist study) must be included in the project EMPr;
- The site at waypoint 1399 should be avoided if possible but this is not required (if avoided and protected then the buffer can be reduced to 25 m); and
- Any realignment of the DR02317 within 400 m of waypoint 2000 must be checked in the field and approved by an archaeologist;
- No stones may be removed from any archaeological site; and
- If any archaeological material or human burials are uncovered during the course of development, work in the immediate area should be halted. The find would need to be reported to the heritage authorities and may require inspection by an archaeologist. Such heritage is the property of the state and may require excavation and curation in an approved institution.

HWC reserves the right to request additional information as required.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the official above and quote the case number.

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Our Ref: HM/ CENTRAL KAROO/ BEAUFORT WEST/ MURA ELECTRICAL GRID
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In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) and the Western Cape Provincial Gazette 6061, Notice 298 of 2003

HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT: PROPOSED MURA ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE, BEAUFORT WEST MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, WESTERN CAPE, SUBMITTED IN TERMS OF SECTION 38(1) OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT (ACT 25 OF 1999)

The matter above has reference.

This matter was discussed at the Heritage Officer Committee (HOMs) held on 11 April 2023.

FINAL COMMENT

The Committee resolved to endorse the HIA prepared by ASHA Consulting dated 15 December 2022 as meeting the requirements of Section 38 (3) of the NHRA and the following recommendations on page 42;

- A Fossil Chance Finds Procedure (as supplied in the palaeontological specialist study) must be included in the project EMPr;
- Known sites should be avoided by the final layout;
- A pre-construction archaeological survey must be undertaken during the EMPr approval stage;
- No stones may be removed from any archaeological site; and
- If any archaeological material or human burials are uncovered during the course of development, work in the immediate area should be halted. The find would need

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