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Dear Madam,

PROPOSED BRINE EVAPORATION PROJECT AT TUTUKA POWER STATION, MPUMALANGA (DEA REF NO 12/9/11/L456/6): AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT BASIC REPORT AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT.

Thank you for your indication that development is to take place in this area.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999, heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. This means that before such sites are disturbed by development it is incumbent on the developer (or mine) to ensure that a **Heritage Impact Assessment** is done. This must include the archaeological component (Phase 1) and any other applicable heritage components. Appropriate (Phase 2) mitigation, which involves recording, sampling and dating sites that are to be destroyed, must be done as required.

After reviewing the reports submitted to SAHRA APM Unit it is believed that the proposed development will not have a deleterious impact on heritage resources, since existing infrastructure will be expanded. A Heritage Impact Assessment for this phase of the project is therefore not necessary.

Yours sincerely

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