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Hi Tshilidzi

Your request is noted.

We just commenced with the process. The Basic Assessment should be available for comment in March/April. I will make sure to send a hard copy to you for comment.

Regards Riana

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Morning

Please kindly submit the Basic Assessment report Basic Assessment report (BAr) to me in order to provide comment.

Kind regards Ndlhovu Tshilidzi Environmental Officer Department of Water & Sanitation *Mpumalanga Provincial Office: Olifants Institutional Establishment* Pretoria West Building No. 24 474 Carl street 0183

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Interim Comment

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Attention: Chestar Supplies (Pty) Ltd

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Interim Comment

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999 (NHRA), heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are generally protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. In contexts of development applications, the developer must ensure that no heritage resources will be impacted by the proposed development, by lodging an application to SAHRA and submitting detailed development specifications as a notification of intent to develop. If the application is made in terms of s. 38 (8) of the NHRA then it is incumbent on the developer to ensure that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) is undertaken, as s. 38(2)a does not apply. Such a study should follow the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessment Reports and section

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The HIA or an exemption letter depending on the findings, must be undertaken by a suitably qualified archaeologist and it must comply with section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). Once the report is submitted to the case for commenting, SAHRA will provide further comments on this proposed development.

In addition to the HIA report or exemption letter, SAHRA also requires an assessment of palaeontological resources by a suitably qualified palaeontologist. The HIA and the Palaeontology Impact Assessment (PIA) must be provided to SAHRA for commenting prior to the submission of the final BAR to the competent authority. All these documents will be assessed by SAHRA, and the comment issued by SAHRA must be included in the final BAR.

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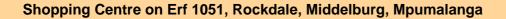
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Van Vollenhoven, A.J. March 2020. Letter for HIA Exemption Request: Proposed Development of a Neighbourhood Shopping Centre on ERF 1051 (Zoned Public Open Space), Rockdale, Middelburg, Mpumalanga Province.

The author has assessed the area proposed for development and determines that it has been transformed by recent activities and the likelihood of significant heritage resources being disturbed or damaged by the



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development is negligible. The literature and historical maps do not indicate any heritage resources that may have been located on the property. Therefore, the author requests that an exemption from undertaking a field assessment is granted for this proposed development.

Fourie, H. March 2020. The Development of a Neighbourhood Shopping Centre on Erf 1051 (Zoned Public Open Space) Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, Palaeontological 1 Neighbourhood Shopping Centre on Erf 1051 (Zoned Public Open Space) Middelburg Municipality, Nkangala District Municipality within the Mpumalanga Province Erf 1050 Rockdale 442-JS.

The proposed development is underlain by sandstone rocks of the Permian Aged Vryheid Formation, Ecca Group, Karoo Supergroup, which is of Very High Palaeontological Significance. The author recommends the following:

- 1. Mitigation may be needed (Appendix 2) if fossils are found.
- 2. No consultation with parties was necessary. The Environmental Control Officer must familiarise him- or herself with the formation present and its fossils.
- 3. The development may go ahead.
- 4. The EMPr already covers the conservation of heritage and palaeontological material that may be exposed during construction activities. For a chance find, the protocol is to immediately cease all construction activities, construct a 30 m no-go barrier, and contact SAHRA for further investigation. It is recommended that the EMPr be updated to include the involvement of a palaeontologist (pre-construction training of ECO).

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Dear Councilor Motloung

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Whilst conducting public participation (distributed attached flyer) in the Rockdale area, a number of the residents requested that the councillor inform the community at large of the proposed development during the next community meeting. It would be highly appreciated if you could inform the community of the proposed shopping centre and provide feedback to us should there be any issue of concern (from yourself or the community).

Please provide comment at your earliest convenience.

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