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**Attention: Mrs. Natasha Higgitt** 

Madam

PROPOSED TOWNSHIP ESTABLISHMENT, REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIVE TITLE CONDITIONS, CONSOLIDATION AND SUBDIVISION IN TERMS OF THE SPATIAL PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT BY-LAW OF THE GA-SEGONYANA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY (2015) READ WITH THE SPATIAL PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT ACT, 2013 (ACT 16 OF 2013): PORTIONS OF THE REMAINING EXTENT OF ERVEN 1 AND 3, KURUMAN AND A PORTION OF THE REMAINING EXTENT OF PORTION 3 OF THE FARM KURUMAN RESERVE NO. 690, ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT KURUMAN, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE (GA-SEGONYANA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY)

Your reference is: CaseID 13957

With reference to the interim comments received from your organization under cover of your letter dated 07 August 2019, we hereby wish to report that we approached Professor Bruce Rubidge at the Evolutionary Studies Institute of the University of the Witwatersrand to assist us with the field-based Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA), as requested by your organization. In response to our enquiry and following investigation of this matter, Professor Rubidge indicated that a field-based study will not yield anything of palaeontological significance. To prove this statement, Professor Rubidge conducted a desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment of the proposed development area confirming that "the thick covering of Kalahari sand over the entire study area covering the rocks of the Transvaal Supergroup means that a field-based study will not yield anything of palaeontological significance" (refer Methodology section of PIA).

In view of the fore-mentioned we hereby wish to enquire whether the requirement imposed by your organization in respect of a field-based Palaeontological Impact Assessment could be reassessed in light of the results of the desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment conducted by Professor Bruce Rubidge.

We trust that this request will meet with your favourable consideration and avail ourselves to furnish you with such additional information or clarification that may be required.

Yours faithfully

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