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REVIEW COMMENT ON

ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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South Africa has a unique and non-renewable archaeological and palaeontological heritage. Archaeological and palaeontological sites are protected in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act No 25 of 1999) and may not be disturbed without a permit. Archaeological Impact Assessments (AIAs) and Palaeontological Impact Assessments (PIAs) identify and assess the significance of the sites, assess the potential impact of developments upon such sites, and make recommendations concerning mitigation and management of these sites. On the basis of satisfactory specialist reports SAHRA or the relevant heritage resources agency can assess whether or not it has objection to a development and indicate the conditions upon which such development might proceed and assess whether or not to issue permission to destroy such sites.

AIAs and PIAs often form part of the heritage component of an Environmental Impact Assessment or Environmental Management Plan. They may also form part of a Heritage Impact Assessment called for in terms of section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act No. 25, 1999. They may have other origins. In any event they should comply with basic minimum standards of reporting as indicated in SAHRA Regulations and Guidelines.

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- A. PROVINCIAL HERITAGE RESOURCES AUTHORITY: *Limpopo/Tlou Setumo*
- B. SAHRA PROVINCIAL MANAGER : *Limpopo:Mrs Portia Ramalamula/Acting*
- C. AUTHOR(S) OF REPORT: **Gaigher, S**
- D. ARCHAEOLOGY CONTRACT GROUP: *Gaigher and Associates*
- E. CONTACT DETAILS: *P.O. Box 522, Louis Trichardt 0920, tel: 082 551 5082, email: Stephan@lajuma.com*
- F. DATE OF REPORT: *May 2009*
- G. TITLE OF REPORT: *Heritage Impact Assessment for the proposed Mokopane Residential Golf Estate, Mokopane, Limpopo Province.*
- H. Please circle as relevant: Archaeological component of **EIA** / EMP / HIA / CMP Other (Specify)
- I. REPORT COMMISSIONED BY (CONSULTANT OR DEVELOPER): *Triviron EAP (PTY) LTD.*
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REVIEW COMMENT ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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Heritage Impact Assessment for the proposed Mokapane Residential Golf Estate, Mokopane, Limpopo Province.

INTRODUCTION

A residential Golf Estate is proposed for portion 181 (a portion of portion 80) of the farm Piet Potgietersrus Town and Townlands 44-KS. The development will consist of 450 residential erven, a primary and secondary school, a boutique hotel, a club house, a workshop and an access control gate with associated infrastructure. The specialist indicated that a fair portion of the area has been overgrown with vegetation, while the study area forms part of the Nyl Wetland area. No archaeological or other heritage resources were identified during the Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment. If any new evidence of archaeological sites or artefacts, palaeontological fossils, graves or other heritage resources are found during the course of development, construction, SAHRA must be alerted immediately (Mr. P. Hine, Mrs. M. Leslie, 021 462 4502), and an archaeologist may need to inspect the findings at the expense of the developer. However, the Wetland area may have wider significance, so the sensitivity of this area needs to be kept in mind.

Where bedrock is to be affected, or where there are coastal sediments, or marine or river terraces and in potentially fossiliferous superficial deposits, the developer must ensure that a professional Palaeontological Desk Top study is undertaken to assess whether or not the development will impact upon palaeontological resources. If this is deemed unnecessary, a letter of recommendation for exemption from a professional Palaeontologist is needed. If the area is deemed sensitive, a full Phase 1 Palaeontological Impact Assessment will be required and if necessary a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary (see attached list of accredited Palaeontologists).

Decisions on Built Environment (e.g. structures over 60 years) and Cultural Landscapes must be made by the Limpopo SAHRA Provincial office (Portia Ramalamula: pramalamula@lp.sahra.org.za)/ Provincial Heritage Authority (Limpopo, Mr Tlou Setumu, lihra@lantic.net) to whom this Archaeological Review Comment will be copied.

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