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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

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Application for environmental authorization to undertake the following activities: Government Notice R983 (Listing Notice 1): Activity No. 24, 27 Government Notice R985 (Listing Notice 3): Activity No. 4, 12 *Please note that the listed activities above may change during the course of the NEMA Application process. Registered I&APs will be notified of any changes. Project Description & Location: It is proposed that a portion (approximately 3.2ha) of Erf 755, Olyvenhoutsdrift Settlement be rezoned for the development of an industrial park. The rest of the property (6.7ha) will remain zoned for agricultural use. The site is located south-east of Upington, and north of Louisvale Rd, approximately 4km outside of Upington along the N10.

EnviroAfrica CC was appointed by Satinsky 108 (Pty) Ltd to conduct a Basic Assessment Process for the proposed Industrial Development on Erf 755, Olyvenhoutsdrift, Northern Cape Province. A Basic Assessment Report (BAR) has been completed in support of the Environmental Authorisation Application in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014. It must be noted that the case application title differs from the title of the BAR. The proposed development will include the construction of 32 residential units with associated infrastructure such as roads, water pipelines, sewage system, stormwater management and electricity. Photographs of the proposed development area show a disturbed site with a large amount of rubble dumping.

Appendix F of the BAR makes note that no cultural or historic aspects of significance were identified on site. Recommendations pertaining to heritage resources provided in the BAR include the following:

- If any archaeological remains (including but not limited to fossil bones and fossil shells, coins, indigenous and/or colonial ceramics, any articles of value or antiquity, stone artefacts and bone remains, structures and other built features, rock art and rock engravings) are discovered during construction they must immediately be reported to SAHRA and must not be disturbed further until the necessary approval has been obtained from SAHRA; and
- Should any human remains/burial or archaeological material be disturbed, exposed or uncovered during construction, these should immediately be reported to the South African Heritage Resources Agency. The ECO and Engineer are also to be informed.

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The Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) has included the following recommendations with regarding to heritage resources:

- Should any human remains/burial or archaeological material be disturbed, exposed or uncovered during construction, these should immediately be reported to the South African Heritage Resources Agency. The ECO and Engineer are also to be informed. An archaeologist will be required to remove the remains at the expense of the developer
- Note that the Contractor may not, without a permit issued by the responsible heritage resource authority; destroy, damage, excavate, alter, deface or otherwise disturb any archaeological site or archaeological material. The latter is a criminal offence under the Heritage Resources Act

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It must be noted that the location of the proposed development as shown in the BAR is not the same as the location of the development as per the SAHRIS GIS layer. Please ensure that the location of the development is mapped correctly.

As requested in the previously issued comments, a Letter of Exemption from a qualified archaeologist and palaeontologist should have been conducted as part of the BAR and submitted to SAHRA for comment. Please ensure that these are completed and submitted to SAHRA for comment.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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