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Final Comment

In terms of Section 38(8), 38(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Mr Anton Pelser
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PHASE 1 HIA REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED SENWABARWANA MALL DEVELOPMENT ON PORTION 6 OF THE FARM BORKUM 143LS IN SENWABARWANA, LIMPOPO PROVINCE - APAC019/53

Senwabarana Shopping Centre Complex, located on Bochum 178 LS, Blouberg Local Municipality of the Limpopo Province. The extent of the proposed shopping complex, informal trading stalls, taxi rank, car dealership, filling station and office complex will be 8.2 ha within the 20 ha old Senwabarana sports and recreational field. Construction will also include storm water management and waste water treatment facilities, parking area, emergency generator, on site solar energy system and an access road.

Molshe Business Services (Pty) Ltd has compiled a Final Consultation Basic Assessment Report (FBAR) on behalf of the applicant, Molshe Business Services (Pty) Ltd, in support of an application for Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) in respect of listed activities in the NEMA 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended.

In order to meet the requirements of SAHRA for commenting in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, no. 25 of 1999 (NHRA), a Heritage Impact Assessment by A Pelser Archaeological Consulting (APAC) has been submitted to SAHRA for commenting.

Pelser, A.J. May 2019. Phase 1 HIA Report for The Proposed Senwabarwana Mall development on Portion 6 of the Farm Borkum 143 IS in Senwabarwana, Limpopo Province.

The author undertook a field survey of the proposed development area and found the site changed by recent activities and identified an informal cemetery containing 10-15 graves. The cemetery is not fenced, and will be impacted by the proposed development.

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South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit accepts the HIA report submitted to the case for commenting and has no objection to the development going ahead.

The Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit recommends that cemetery must be retained in situ, and fenced with an access gate. Before fencing may occur, permission from the family members must be obtained. This must be done by undertaking a social consultation process to identify the family members of the site. This must be done in terms of Chapter IX of the NHRA Regulations and section 36(3) of the NHRA. If the developer is unable to retain the cemetery, as clear impacts and direct mitigation measures have not be mentioned in the HIA report, then a strong motivation must accompany a section 36 (3) grave relocation permit application. The comments and responses obtained during public participation, and contained within Appendix G of the Final BAR, must be submitted to the case.

In the unlikely event that fossils are uncovered during construction then construction must cease within the immediate vicinity, a buffer of 30 m must be established, and a palaeontologist called in to inspect the finds. The palaeontologist must obtain a section 35(4) permit in terms of NHRA and Chapter IV NHRA Regulations, before any fossils are collected.

If there are any new heritages resources are discovered during construction and operation phases of the proposed development, then a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the findings at the expense of the developer.

If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required at the expense of the developer. Mitigation will only be carried out after the archaeologist or palaeontologist obtains a permit in terms of section 35 of the NHRA (Act 25 of 1999). You may contact SAHRA APM Unit for further details: (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Phillip Hine 021 202 8654).

If any unmarked human burials are uncovered and the archaeologist called in to inspect the finds and/or the police find them to be heritage graves, then mitigation may be necessary and the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit must be contacted for processes to follow (Thingahangwi Tshivase/Mimi Seetelo 072 802 1251).

The application area must be mapped out correctly, using a polygon shape or a ,kml file of the proposed

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development area must be uploaded to the location info of the case.

This comment must be forwarded to the competent authority and proof of submission must be uploaded to the case. When the Record of Decision from the competent authority is issued for this EA application then, it must be submitted to the case.

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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Heritage Officer
South African Heritage Resources Agency

Phillip Hine
Acting Manager: Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit
South African Heritage Resources Agency

ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/525063>

Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.

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2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.
3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.