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Final Comment

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

Attention: Monde Juta
Ditsobotla Local Municipality
P.O Box 7, Lichtenburg, 2740

The North West Department of Local Government and Human Settlement proposed Blydeville Ext. 4 Housing & Mixed Land Use DEVELOPMENT entails a Township establishment for Blydeville in Ditsobotla Local Municipality. The proposed Blydeville housing development is located on portion 1 of the farm Rietdraai 51 IP. The Ditsobotla Local Municipality falls within the Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality in the North West province. Site coordinates are as follows: 260 11' 22.37" S; 260 10' 23.33" E.

Tholoana Sustainable Development and Environmental Consultants were appointed by the Ditsobotla Local Municipality to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process for the proposed township development establishment in Blydeville Extension 4 on Portion 1 of the farm Rietdraai 51IP, Lichtenburg, North West Province. A draft EIA has been completed in term of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014. The proposed development will comprise a development footprint of approximately 59 ha with housing units, schools, community facility, shopping complex, a park and associated infrastructure. Vhufa Hashu Heritage Consultancy CC and Dr Heidi Fourie were appointed to conduct the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) and Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) respectively.

Following Interim Comments issued on the 22/11/2016, Dr H Fourie submitted a letter providing clarification regarding recommendations in her PIA. She has confirmed that a site visit/field assessment is not recommended.

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The recommendations provided in the HIA and PIA, along with the PIA clarification letter, and the following conditions must be incorporated into the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for the project:

- If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils (e.g. trace fossils or stromatolites) or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Natasha Higgitt/John Gribble 021 462 5402) must be

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alerted. If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately. 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;

- The Final EIA and all appendices must be submitted to the case file on SAHRIS upon submission for the decision making process;
- Should the project be granted an Environmental Authorisation (EA), SAHRA must be notified and all relevant documents must be uploaded to the case file.

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

Yours faithfully

Natasha Higgitt
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South African Heritage Resources Agency

John Gribble
Manager: Maritime and Underwater Cultural Heritage Unit / Acting Manager: Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit
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Terms & Conditions:

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