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YOUR REFERENCE: Case ID 3017

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Ms Jenna Lavin
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Dear Ms Lavin,

EIA for Swaziland Rail Link: Davel Yard, Davel to Nerston and Golela to Nsezi

Thank you very much for the telephone conversation regarding the above mentioned project of today.

In November 2013 SAHRA requested Aurecon to include a Paleontological Assessment for the development. Aurecon appointed PGS to undertake the requested study. On their recommendation a Phase I Desktop assessment was undertaken. The report compiled by Gideon Groenewald was uploaded on your system on 22 May 2014. SAHRA has responded in a letter dated 26 May 2014 that you would require a field-based PIA for the project.

We have forwarded your letter to our specialist service provider, PGS and Gideon and David Groenewald made the following recommendation (e-mail attached for your convenience):

"that the Phase I PIA work be included in the EMP for the project with the proviso that
(i) *The Phase I PIA be done at the onset of construction - site visits before construction actually takes place*
(ii) *The Phase I PIA will be upgraded to a Phase II PIA where fossils are present, and get SAHRA comments on such a recommendation."*

You are therefore kindly requested to consider the recommendation by the palaeontologist that the field-based assessment be undertaken as part of the construction phase of the project and provide us with your decision at your earliest convenience.

In anticipation of your decision Aurecon proposes to include the following requirements relating to heritage conservation in the EMPr.

Kind regards


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1. Excerpt from Environmental Management Programme for Davel Yard
2. email from PGS