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**DEDEAT REFERENCE:** EC/16/A/LN1/LN3/M/23-7.

**NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO DEVELOP (NID) AND REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM A FULL HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT (HIA) — PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION DEVELOPMENT, ERF 225, BERHA, NGQUSHWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, EASTERN CAPE.**

The private developer, Wilgrogroup (Pty) Ltd, intends to develop holiday housing (private facility) on Erf 225, Berha, Ngqushwa Local Municipality, Eastern Cape. The thickly vegetated coastal property, Erf 225 Berha, measures 0.79ha / 7,900m<sup>2</sup>, thus, just exceeding the National Heritage Resources Act, No. 25 of 1999 (NHRA 1999), Section 38(1)(c)(i) 5,000m<sup>2</sup> threshold. The development will comprise of nine accommodation units and an entertainment area, which will be utilised by the Grove family in its entirety.

In terms of the EC PHRA's consideration of the NID, the nearest development application indicated on SAHRIS is situated some 25km north-east of the study site at Hamburg (SAHRIS CaseID 9294).

With reference to the archaeological and cultural heritage theme for the development, SAHRIS indicates that:

- No national heritage sites (NHS) are situated in proximity to the study site.
- No provincial heritage sites (PHS) are situated in proximity to the study site.

SAHRIS, furthermore, records the sensitivity for the palaeontological heritage theme as:

- The study site is situated outside the Red (highly sensitive) palaeontological zone and within a medley of Green (moderate sensitivity), Blue (low sensitivity), and White (Unclear / Unknown) zones.

It is requested that EC PHRA considers the NID submission in respect of an exemption request from a full Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) for the development based on the information provided, including both (archaeological and cultural, and palaeontological heritage), or the respective specialist

components. This request is further underscored by the small study site size, and it being heavily vegetated—surface visibility will be very limited.

I trust EC PHRA will consider the NID accordingly. Please let me if you would require any additional information.

Yours sincerely,

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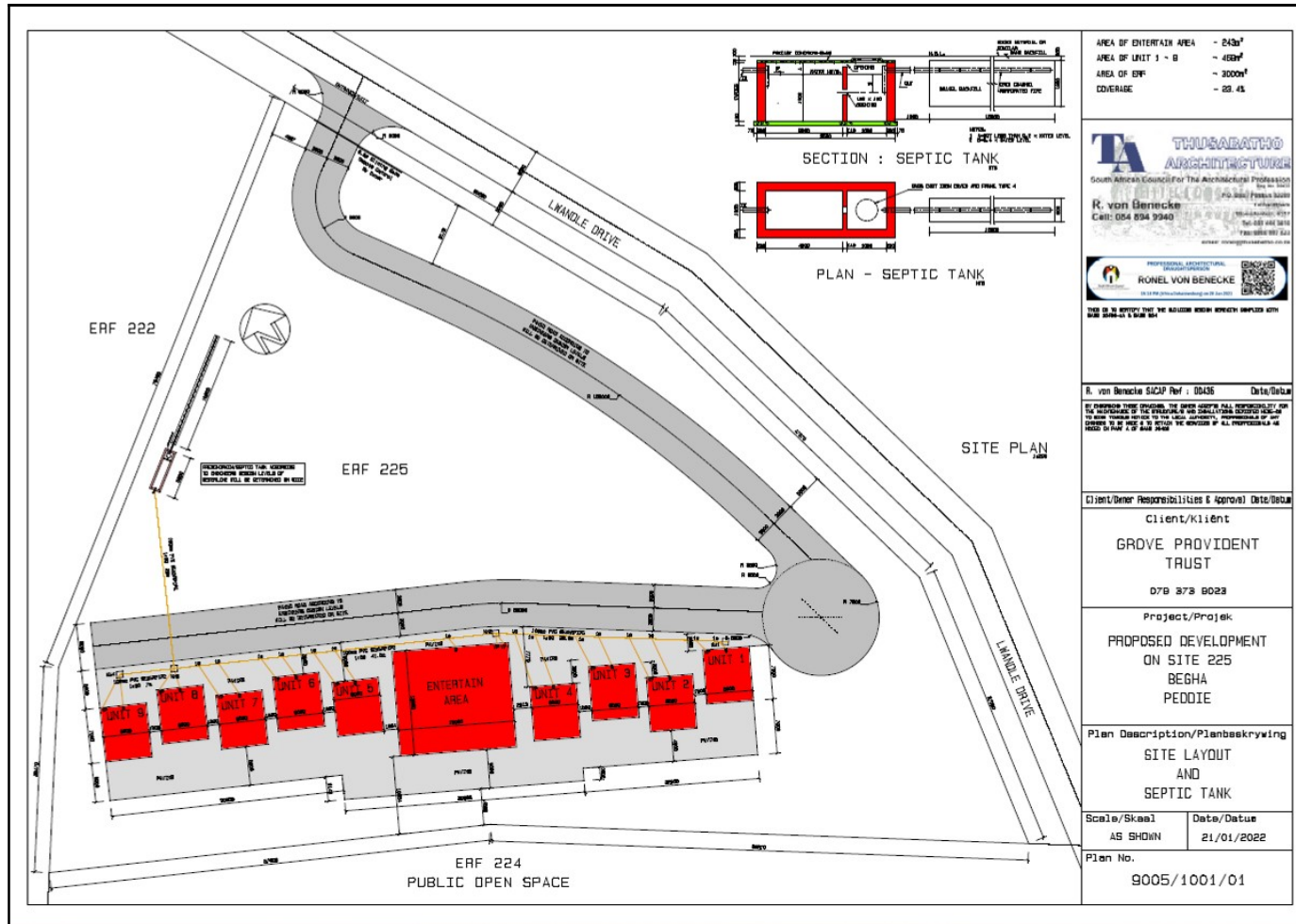
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**Figure 1:** Proposed layout of the tourism accommodation development, Erf 225, Berha, Ngqushwa Local Municipality, EC



**Figure 2: General locality of Berha in the Eastern Cape**



**Figure 3: Location of Erf 225, Berha (Begha), Eastern Cape [1]**



Figure 4: Location of Erf 225, Berha (Begha), Eastern Cape [2]



Figure 5: SAHRIS national heritage sites map (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/NHSmap>)

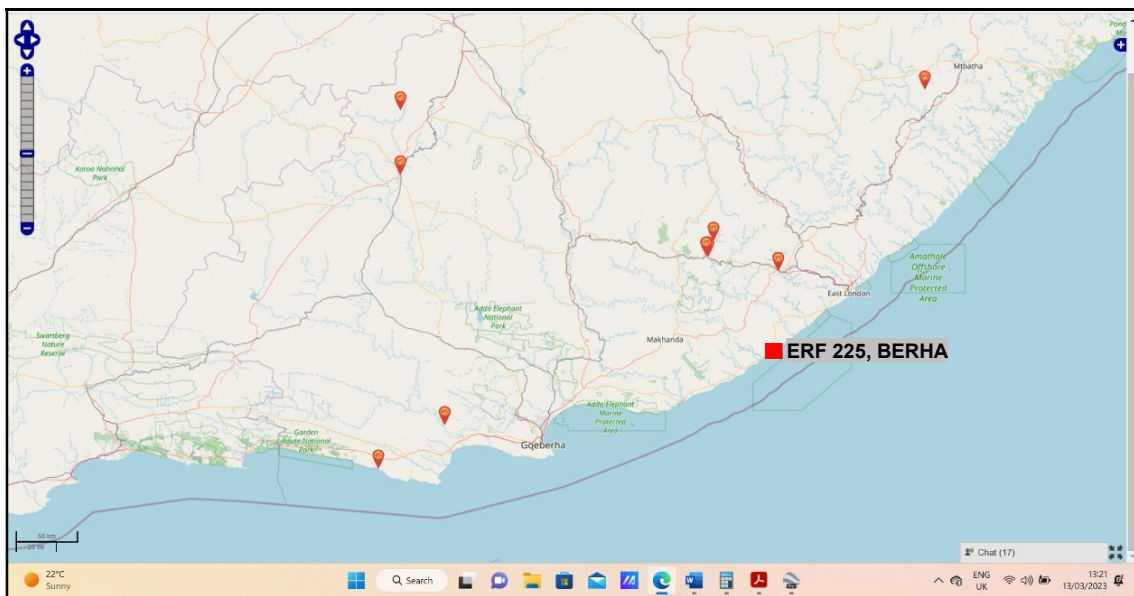


Figure 6: SAHRIS provincial heritage sites map (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/phsmap>)

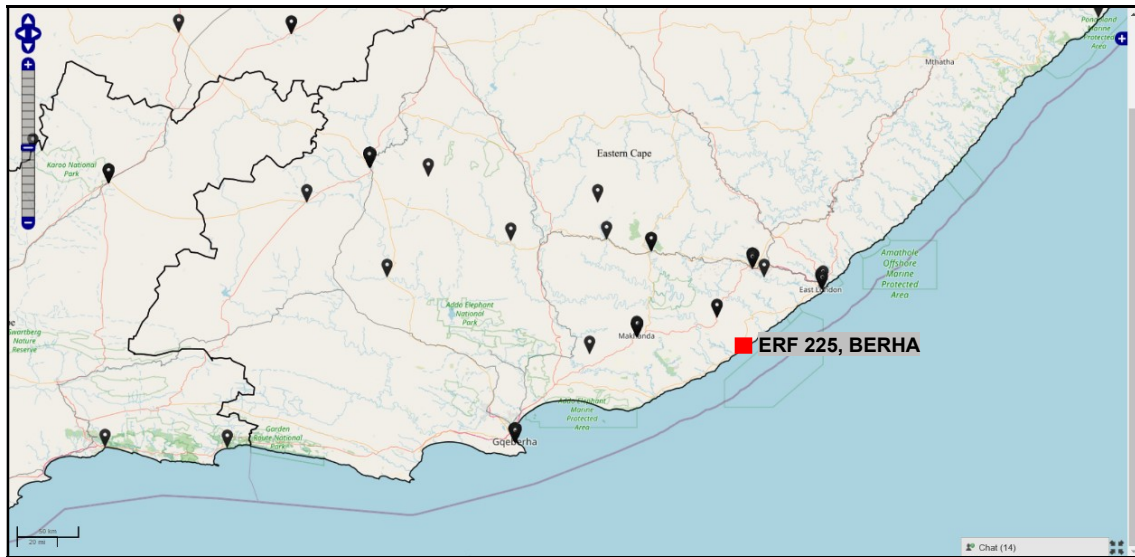


Figure 7: SAHRIS palaeo map (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/map/palaeo>)

