

Permit Committee of the Free State Provincial Heritage Resources Authority

9 April 2013

Enquiries: Ntando Mbatha

Dear Ms Samie

## Re: NID – Bram Fischer Airport, Bloemfontein

We hereby acknowledge receipt of your Notification of Intent to Develop received on 16 February 2013.

You have indicated that this development triggers General Notices 544 (23) and 546 (12) in terms of NEMA and is this development therefore regarded as a Section 38(8) development in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA), no 25 of 1999. Heritage Free State does not currently deal with Section 38(8) applications and your NID will have to be submitted to SAHRA for commenting.

We would, however, like to point out that the entire Free State is viewed as a palaeontological sensitive area and does Heritage Free State as standard procedure require a specialist Palaeontological Impact Assessment for all development in the Free State that triggers Section 38 of the NHRA. If deemed unnecessary by a palaeontologist, a letter of exemption from further palaeontological studies may be submitted for further comments as part of your EIA application process. This requirement is in addition to any other specialist reports SAHRA may request and should be submitted to SAHRA for commenting.

Included herewith a copy of SAHRA's latest circular regarding the submission of EIA reports.

Sincerely

**Loudine Philip** 

**Chairperson - Permit Committee**