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Dear Mr Kriel,

**REQUEST FOR A HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT: PROPOSED LUSIKISIKI
SEWER AND SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT - FINAL SCOPING REPORT**

Thank you for your indication that development is to take place in this area.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999, heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. This means that before such sites are disturbed by development it is incumbent on the developer to ensure that a **Heritage Impact Assessment** is done. This must include the archaeological component (Phase 1) and any other applicable heritage components. Appropriate (Phase 2) mitigation, which involves recording, sampling and dating sites that are to be destroyed, must be done as required.

According to the information provided in the Draft Scoping Report, a Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment has already been planned for the Environmental Impact Assessment phase.

Please note that a Heritage Impact Assessment must also include a Palaeontological Study to assess whether or not the development will impact upon palaeontological resources - or at least a letter of exemption from a Palaeontologist is needed to indicate that this is unnecessary. If the area is deemed sensitive, a full Phase 1 Palaeontological Impact Assessment will be required and if necessary a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary.

Other heritage resources to be assessed include built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or views.

Yours sincerely

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