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YOUR REF: NC/KGA/BEST1/12/2008
OUR REF: 9/2/055/0002

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Dear Mr. van der Merwe,

REQUEST FOR A HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT: PROPOSED TOWNSHIP ESTABLISHMENT ON REMAINDER AND PORTION 3 OF THE FARM BESTWOOD 459, GA-MAGARA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, KGALAGADI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF KURUMAN, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

We acknowledge receipt of the notification of approval and copy of Record of Decision (ROD) from the Northern Cape Department of Tourism, Environment & Conservation (DTEC) on the above proposed development from your office.

Please find attached copies of two letters in connection with the same case, one addressed to Kathu Property Developers (Pty) Ltd dated 02 October 2009, and the other addressed to V & V Consulting Engineers and dated 29 October 2008.

As stated in the initial letter to Kathu Property Developers (Pty) Ltd, the area identified for development is potentially sensitive in terms of archaeological and palaeontological heritage. Several archaeological sites of high heritage significance (dense and widespread Early Stone Age and Middle Stone Age stone artifact scatters) are situated just to the north of the affected environment (Uitkoms 463, Hartnolls 458 and Bestwood 459). Several archaeological surveys conducted over the last 10 years by staff of the McGregor Museum

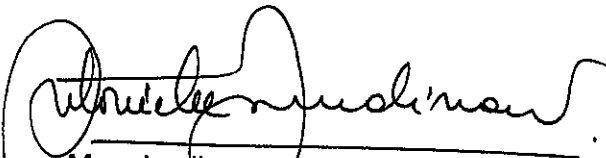
(Kimberley) have been able to establish this. We would have liked for our earlier requests for a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) study to have been implemented before approvals were given by DTEC, but since this was not possible due to posting problems and other delays, we hope that this situation can be rectified in the near future.

The need for a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) study is thus a priority in terms of section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) and also in terms of point 5 of the above ROD (page 3 of 11: Scope of Authorization). Although condition of approval Nr. 72 of the same ROD (page 8 of 11) is intended to cover for any needs regarding the management of archaeological heritage resources that might rise in the course of the proposed development, experience has shown that best management of heritage resources is undertaken through the initial and proactive identification of such resources prior to any development activities. Hence, the quickest process to follow for the archaeological component of the HIA report would be to contract an accredited specialist (see attached list) to provide a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment Report.

Where bedrock is to be affected, a Palaeontological Desk Top study must be undertaken to assess whether or not the development will impact upon palaeontological resources, or at least a letter of exemption from an accredited palaeontologist is needed to indicate that this is unnecessary (see list of specialists). If the specific area chosen for the township development is deemed sensitive, a full Phase 1 Palaeontological Impact Assessment will be required and if necessary a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary.

Any other heritage resources that may be impacted by the proposed development such as built structures of any kind older than 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewsapes must also be assessed.

Yours sincerely



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Attention: Mr. F. J. Cawood

REQUEST FOR A HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT: PROPOSED TOWNSHIP ESTABLISHMENT ON A PORTION OF THE REMAINDER OF THE FARM BESTWOOD 459RD, DISTRICT OF KURUMAN, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology & Meteorites (APM) Unit received a copy of a report compiled by V&V Consulting Engineers entitled "*Engineering Services Investigation for Proposed Township establishment on a Portion of the Remainder of the farm Bestwood 459RD, District of Kuruman, According to Northern Cape Planning and Development Facilitation Act of 1998*" on 07 July 2008. We apologize for the delay in our response as workload increases substantially from mid-year onwards.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA), 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 (or mine) to ensure that a **Heritage Impact Assessment** is done. This must include the archaeological

component (Phase 1) and any other applicable heritage components, such as, but not limited to, structures older than 60 years, graves, visual and landscape character of the area to be impacted, sense of place, historical places,...etc. Appropriate (Phase 2) mitigation, which involves recording, sampling and dating sites that are to be destroyed, must be done as required. This must be done before authorization is given by the relevant local and provincial authorities.

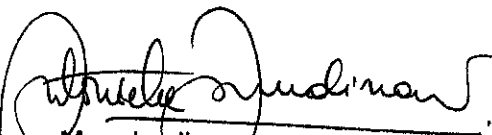
The area identified for development, Remainder of Bestwood 459, is potentially sensitive in terms of archaeological and palaeontological heritage. Several archaeological sites of high heritage significance (dense and widespread Early Stone Age and Middle Stone Age stone artifact scatters) are situated just to the north of the affected environment (Uitkoms 463, Hartnolls 458 and Bestwood 459). Several archaeological surveys conducted over the last 10 years by staff of the McGregor Museum (Kimberley) have been able to establish this. The need for an HIA study is thus a priority if the project is to seek the approval of Gamagara Municipality and the Provincial Department of Environment and Tourism. Consequently, the quickest process to follow for the archaeological component of the HIA report would be to contract an accredited specialist (see attached list) to provide a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment Report.

Where bedrock is to be affected, a Palaeontological Desk Top study must be undertaken to assess whether or not the development will impact upon palaeontological resources, or at least a letter of exemption from an accredited palaeontologist is needed to indicate that this is unnecessary (see list of specialists). If the specific area chosen for the township development is deemed sensitive, a full Phase 1 Palaeontological Impact Assessment will be required and if necessary a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary.

Any other heritage resources that may be impacted by the proposed development such as built structures of any kind older than 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewsapes must also be assessed.

Attached please find lists of accredited archaeological and palaeontological specialists who may be contacted to undertake the necessary archaeological or palaeontological impact assessments.

Yours sincerely


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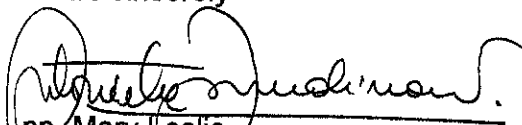
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Please find attached letter dated 02 October 2008 addressed to Kathu Property Developers (Pty) Ltd and list of professional specialists in connection with the above matter.

Unfortunately, the envelope containing the above documents was returned undelivered to our offices on 20th October 2008. It was therefore decided to address the matter to your office, as V & V Consulting Engineers were responsible for compiling the report containing the project proposal reviewed by SAHRA' Archaeology, Palaeontology & Meteorites Unit.

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