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Dear Sir

ACKNOWLEDGE: Proposed Township establishment : Matlosana estates on a portion of the remaining extent of portion 1 and the remaining extent of portion 181 of the farm Townlands of Klerksdorp 424-IP (to be known as portions 607, 608, 609, 611 and 612 of the farm Townlands of Klerksdorp 424-IP).

Thank you for your indication that development is to take place in this area that we received **3 September 2009**. Herewith follows information with regards to the registration and comments document.

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COMMENTS

1. *The following environmental, social and economic issues must be addressed in the EIA*

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (No 25 of 1999) no archaeological or palaeontological sites may be disturbed without a permit. This means that before such sites are disturbed by exploration or mining it is incumbent on the mining developer, if it is not to find itself in contravention of the legislation, to ensure that an archaeological and if applicable a palaeontological assessment has been done and that appropriate mitigation has happened.

An accredited specialist can be contracted to either provide a Phase 1 (Archaeological) Impact Assessment Report or alternatively the specialist may provide a letter to the heritage authority to indicate that there is no necessity for any further assessment. This Phase 1 Impact Assessment Report will identify the archaeological sites and assess their significances. It will make recommendations (as indicated in section 38 of the Act) about the process (for example a Phase 2 mitigation for which the specialist will require a permit). At the end of the process the heritage authority may give permission for destruction of the sites.

If there are other heritage resources that may be impacted such as 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 that require protection, these must also be assessed. These will be addressed by the **name** PHRA (except for graves which will be addressed by us).

Thus it may be more appropriate to conduct the full Heritage Impact Assessment (See Section 38 NHRA) which would include the archaeological and palaeontological components.

2. *My comment on the public participation and technical processes is as follows*

We will comment when we receive the information about the heritage assessment.

Yours sincerely



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