

TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) FOR SPECIALIST STUDIES - EXPANSION OF THE EXCELSIOR ABATTOIR - KURUMAN

1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Terms of Reference (ToR) document is to provide a reliable approach to the studies that are a requirement as part of the Basic Assessment process being conducted in respect of the proposed Expansion of the Excelsior Abattoir – Kuruman project. This will enable comparison of environmental impacts, efficient review, and collation of the specialist studies into the Basic Assessment Report and EMP, in accordance with the latest requirements of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.

2. PROCESS

In terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended, the proposed abattoir expansion project is considered a listed activity which may have an impact on the environment and therefore requires authorisation from the Competent Authority (CA), namely the Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform prior to the commencement of such activities. Specialist studies have been commissioned to assess and verify the anticipated impacts of the proposed abattoir expansion.

3. SPECIALIST STUDY TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)

3.1 Motivation for Exemption from a full Phase I Heritage Impact Assessment

- Review applicable legislative requirements pertaining to the proposed development;
- Identify and discuss the likelihood of any objects, sites, occurrences and structures of an archaeological or historical nature (cultural heritage sites) that could be located on the portion of land that will be impacted upon by the proposed development (desktop assessment using provided site photographs);
- Assess the significance of any likely cultural resources in terms of their archaeological, historical, scientific, social, religious, aesthetic and tourism value;
- Describe the possible impact of the proposed development on any likely cultural remains;
- Propose suitable mitigation measures to minimize possible negative impacts on any likely cultural resources, including subterranean cultural heritage sites; and
- Provide a Motivation for Exemption from a Full Phase 1 HIA for submission and consideration by SAHRA.

3.2 Palaeontological Impact Assessment: Desktop Study

- Review applicable legislative requirements pertaining to the proposed development;
- Provide a description of the geological setting of the proposed development site;
- Assess and discuss the palaeontological (fossil) sensitivities of formations underlying the proposed development area, as it relates to the proposed development;
- Conduct an impact assessment of the proposed development on possible palaeontological (fossil) finds;
- Propose suitable mitigation measures in the event that fossils are uncovered.