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Dear Ms Thomson,

**REQUEST FOR A HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT: BASIC ASSESSMENT
PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED UPGRADE OF ROUTE R61 SECTION 2:
DRAAIRIVIER (KM29.4) TO ELINUS FARM (KM 42.2)**

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, both an archaeological and a palaeontological impact assessments are being undertaken for this project.

SAHRA therefore would like to thank you for your cooperation and is looking forward to receiving the reports.

Please note that 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 viewsapes must also be assessed

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. N. Ndobochani', written in a cursive style.

PP Mrs Nonofho Ndobochani
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