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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Raubex Construction (Pty) Ltd.

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The scope of the applications will be small scale Stone and Gravel quarry for road construction/maintenance purposes. The above area will be mined through opencast excavations where the gravel/stone will be removed with an excavator onto a stockpile and fed by a frond end loader into the screening/crushing plant. A stockpile will be created at the screening/crushing plant and loaded on the trucks for transporting to the clients. The area will be mined and rehabilitated and the sides will level to blend in with the surrounding environment. The area applied for is over natural grasslands. The vegetation cover seems to be scares partially with no big trees or shrubs. The mining focus area will be clearly demarcated and fenced off.

Dera Environemntal Consultants (Pty) Ltd have been appointed Raubex Construction (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) application process for the proposed Stone and Gravel Quarry for road construction and maintenace on a certain Portions of the Remaining extent of the Farm Vaalboschfontein 205 HO, Maquassi Hills Local Municipality, Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality, North West Province.

A draft Basic Assessment Report (dBAR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, no 107 of 1998 (NEMA). The scope of work entails the creation of a small scale stone and gravel quarry through an opencast excavation and associated infrastructure which includes stockpiles and access routes.

it is noted on page 22 of the BAR in relation to cultural heritage that "there are no graves on the application area".

The application area is in an area of low palaeontological sensitivity as per SAHRA PalaeSensitivity Map.

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The SAHRA acknowledges receipt of the BAR and notes the statement contained in therein with regards to heritage resources. The SAHRA objects to the statement and requests that a HIA be undertaken in terms of section 38(3) of the NHRA (25 of 1999) as part of the EA process.

The prospecting has the potential to impact negatively on heritage and/or cultural resources, therefore a heritage impact assessment must be conducted. A field-based assessment of the impact to archaeological resources must be conducted by a qualified archaeologist. The report must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA and the SAHRA 2006 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Component of Impact Assessments, and the 2012 Minimum Standards: Archaeological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments. The Minimum Standards provides allowance for a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption that can be submitted by a qualified archaeologist should they deem it appropriate.

The application area is in an area of low palaeontological sensitivity as per SAHRA PalaeSensitivity Map. Therefore, a Chance Fossil Finds Protocol must be developed and submitted to SAHRA for commenting. The assessment must be conducted by a qualified palaeontologist. The report must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA and the SAHRA 2006 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Component of Impact Assessments, and the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments. The Minimum Standards provides allowance for a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption that can be submitted by a qualified palaeontologist should they deem it appropriate.

Any other heritage resources as defined in section 3 of the NHRA that may be impacted, such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, and graves of victims of conflict must also be assessed.

Further comments will be issued upon submission of the above. The applicant is advised to extend the EA process in terms of section 19(1)b of the NEMA EIA regulations.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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