



Final Comment

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Paul Mojapelo

Proposed Expansion of the Bhundu Inn Hotel, on Portion 174 of the Farm Goederede 60 JS, Located in the Thembisile Hani Local Municipality, Mpumalanga. The proposed expansion of the existing Bhundu Inn Hotel includes the expansion of the hotel from 50 rooms to 250 rooms (sleeping a total of 500 guests) as a first phase, with phase 2 of the development consisting of the construction of 10 chalets (each sleeping 4 guests). Conferencing facilities for up to 600 guests will also be provided along with standard hotel amenities such as a restaurant and swimming pool, and all required civil and service infrastructures (parking, electricity, water, sewerage, storm water etc.) will be upgraded

Thank you for Notifying SAHRA of the proposed Bhundu Inn Hotel expansion in close proximity to the SS Skosana Nature Reserve. The Inn is located on Portion 174 of the farm Goederede 60 JS, Thembisile Hani Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province. The proposed expansion is build addition rooms, chalets, swimming pools and restaurant to accommodate more tourists.

The proposed development will include the addition of 200 rooms, the first phase of construction. The second phase will add conference facilities, swimming pool facility and an expansion of power lines, storm water drainage and sewage.

Sections 34, 35 and 36 of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA 25 of 1999) provides general protection to heritage resources, these include burial grounds, unmarked and marked graves that are older than 60 years and are outside a formal cemetery. Also built structures that are older that 60 years old, archaeology (stone tools, stone walled sites, prehistoric and historic pottery sherds, ash grounds etc.) and palaeontology (fossils of plant and animal material).

Coetzee, F. P. 2014. *Cultural Heritage Assessment for the Proposed Expansion of the Bhundu Inn Hotel, Portion 174 of the Farm Goederede 60 JS, Thembisile Hani Local Municipality, Nkangala District, Mpumalanga.*

Dr Coetzee conducted a field survey in the area of the proposed development, the aim was to identify any heritage resources present in the area, determine their significance and what are the possible negative impacts on the resources due to the development. No heritage resources where found on the property set for the development and its surrounds, this includes historical buildings, graveyards and archaeological resources.

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Dr Bamford conducted a desktop survey of the area where the proposed development will be located. The underlying geological strata is too old and igneous or metamorphic rock that has been transformed by heat for it to contain any fossilized material. Thus the likelihood of any palaeontological material occurring in the proposed development area.

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SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and meteorites (APM) Unit has no objections to this proposed development and agrees with the recommendations of the heritage reports submitted to the case on condition that:

- If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g., remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments and charcoal/ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed activities, SAHRA APM Unit (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Colette Scheermeyer 021 462 4502), and unmarked human burials contact the SAHRA BGG Unit (Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately, and a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary.

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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South African Heritage Resources Agency

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Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.
3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.



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