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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Mr Anton Roodt
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Proposed construction of a new branch office of the South African Reserve bank in Bloemfontein on Erf 37103, CBD, Bloemfontein, Mangaung Municipality, Free State.

The proposed project entails the construction of a new branch office of the South African Reserve bank on Erf 37103 in Bloemfontein (corner of Markgraaff and St Georges Streets), Mangaung Municipality, Free State Province. Erf 37103 is part of the old Erf 24722 (the other one being Erf 2/24722). It is noted that the site has already been cleared of all vegetation and the surface levelled. An AIA for Erf 24722 and, for clarification, a more recently conducted HIA for Erf 37103 were submitted with the application. Heritage Free State has already commented on the Built Environment.

Dreyer, C. March 2007. First Phase Archaeological & Cultural Heritage Assessment of the proposed Reserve Bank Developments on Erf 24722, Old Presidency, Bloemfontein.

The author reported building structures identified as the old stables as well as large old trees that should be considered for preservation.

Philip, L. & Botes, M. May 2016. Heritage Impact Assessment of proposed development of the new Free State Reserve Bank, Bloemfontein.

The field survey focused on the heritage resources on the section of Erf 24722 that would be negatively impacted by the development. The survey revealed the possible occurrence of a midden associated with the old stables in the north-western corner of Erf 2/24722. No structures older than 60 Years occur in the study area. With regard to palaeontology, the proposed area is highly sensitive. However, as the surface has been cleared and leveled, the authors recommend that no field assessment is required but that a qualified palaeontologist be on site to monitor for fossils during excavations of the foundation.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit accepts the submitted AIA and HIA including the recommendations therein. Therefore, the following is required:

1. A qualified palaeontologist must be on site to monitor for fossils during excavations of the foundation;
2. A Palaeontological Monitoring Report must be submitted to SAHRA after the completion of the foundation excavations;
3. The midden should be mitigated and a separate permit application for mitigation must be submitted to SAHRA by a qualified archaeologist who is to do the mitigation.
4. After mitigation, a mitigation report must be submitted to SAHRA, after which approval the SAHRA APM Unit may approve of the proposed development.
5. The stables and large trees should be protected in order to avoid damage by development-related works.

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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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.