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REVIEW COMMENT ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

BY ARCHAEOLOGY/ PALAEOLOGY UNIT OF THE HERITAGE RESOURCES AGENCY

South Africa has a unique and non-renewable archaeological and palaeontological heritage. Archaeological and palaeontological sites are protected in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act No 25 of 1999) and may not be disturbed without a permit. Archaeological Impact Assessments (AIAs) and Palaeontological Impact Assessments (PIAs) identify and assess the significance of the sites, assess the potential impact of developments upon such sites, and make recommendations concerning mitigation and management of these sites. On the basis of satisfactory specialist reports SAHRA or the relevant heritage resources agency can assess whether or not it has objection to a development and indicate the conditions upon which such development might proceed and assess whether or not to issue permission to destroy such sites.

AIAs and PIAs often form part of the heritage component of an Environmental Impact Assessment or Environmental Management Plan. They may also form part of a Heritage Impact Assessment called for in terms of section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act No. 25, 1999. They may have other origins. In any event they should comply with basic minimum standards of reporting as indicated in SAHRA Regulations and Guidelines.

This form provides review comment from the Archaeologist of the relevant heritage resources authority for use by Heritage Managers, for example, when informing authorities that have applied to SAHRA for comment and for inclusion in documentation sent to environmental authorities. It may be used in conjunction with Form B, which provides relevant peer review comment.

- A. PROVINCIAL HERITAGE RESOURCES AUTHORITY: **North West**
- B. SAHRA PROVINCIAL MANAGER :
- C. AUTHOR(S) OF REPORT: **Mr Polke Birkholtz**
- D. ARCHAEOLOGY CONTRACT GROUP: **Archaeology Africa cc**
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- F. DATE OF REPORT: **March 2008**
- G. TITLE OF REPORT: **A PHASE I HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT - PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE WEST RIDGE SHIPPING MALL, KLERKSDORP, MATLOSANA MUNICIPALITY, NORTH WEST PROVINCE**
- H. Please circle as relevant: Archaeological component of EIA / EMP / **HIA** / CMP Other (Specify)
- I. REPORT COMMISSIONED BY (CONSULTANT OR DEVELOPER): **CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT/ NORTH WEST UNIVERSITY**
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- K. COMMENTS: *Please see comment on next page*

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This project involves the proposed development of The West Ridge Shopping Mall, Klerksdorp, in the Matlosana Municipality; North West Province. Three sites, which consist of farm dwellings, were identified within the survey area.

No archaeological heritage resources were identified during the survey and consequently the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorite Unit has no objection to the development (in terms of the archaeological component of the heritage resources). If any new evidence of archaeological sites or artefacts, palaeontological fossils, graves or other heritage resources is found during development, construction or mining, SAHRA and a professional archaeologist must be alerted immediately.

Where bedrock is to be affected, or where there are coastal sediments, or marine or river terraces and in potentially fossiliferous superficial deposits, the developer must ensure that a professional palaeontological studies is undertaken to assess whether or not the development will impact upon palaeontological resources. If this is deemed unnecessary, a letter of recommendation for exemption from a professional Palaeontologist is needed. If the area is deemed sensitive, a full Phase 1 Palaeontological Impact Assessment will be required and if necessary a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary (see attached list of accredited Palaeontologists).

Decisions on Built Environment (e.g. structures over 60 years, younger than 100 years) and Cultural Landscapes and associated Living Heritage (e.g. sacred sites) must be made by the the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority of the North West Province (**Motlhabane Mosiane** mosianem@nwpg.gov.za) to whom this Archaeological Review Comment will be copied. Consequently, sites 1, 2 and 3, as identified during the heritage Impact Assessment, requires the comment of the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority of the North West Province.

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