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## Interim Comment

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

Attention: Henwood Environmental Services

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### Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment on Plot 34 of the farm Avontuur 725 JT near Badplaas Resort, Mpumalanga Province.

Kudzala Antiquities cc was appointed by Henwood Environmental Consultants on behalf of the client, Emoyeni Christian Organisation, to conduct a Heritage Impact Assessment for proposed upgrading of existing facilities on the farm Avontuur 725 JT. The applicant is proposing to establish a Christian centre with possible children's home and workshops. This development is located near Carolina and Badplaas in the Albert Luthuli Local Municipality area of Mpumalanga Province. The application for SAHRA comment is made under section 38(8) because the development triggered listed activities in terms the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) 2014 Regulations of the National Environmental Management Act (107 of 1998, as amended) (NEMA).

*Celliers, J.P. February 2016. Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment on Plot 34 of the farm Avontuur 725 JT near Badplaas Resort, Mpumalanga Province.*

The author of the report conducted a field assessment of the entire property area for the proposed development, which is 21 ha in extent, in order to identify potential heritage resources that may be impacted during construction activities. The ground visibility was medium to poor due to extensive grass cover. Four buildings were identified (named BA1-4 in the report), which will be upgraded and to be form part of the newly established Emoyeni Christian Centre. BA1 is the only brick and mortar building on site, with the rest made of wood (BA2), and corrugated iron and timber frame buildings. It should be noted that the HIA does not contain detailed layout of the proposed development nor does it have a map of the track log taken for the field survey.

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SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit cannot provide comments on this Heritage Impact Assessment because the report does not specify when the buildings were constructed, although the buildings are modern and still in use. In addition, no environmental documents were submitted to SAHRA, as SAHRA is a commenting authority these documents must be submitted to us. The HIA on its own does not provide enough project information to submit on its own.



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SAHRA requires all environmental documents and their appendices to be uploaded to the case, the HIA report amended to include the track log and year of construction if available or estimated age for the identified buildings (i.e. Please research old topographical maps).

In addition a Palaeontological desktop assessment or a letter of recommendation from a palaeontological assessment is required because the project area may contain fossils in the recent gravels overlying the bedrock. The assessment must be conducted by a suitably qualified palaeontologist.

SAHRA will comment further on this case once the above mentioned reports and amended HIA is submitted to the case.

**IF Environmental Authorisation has been granted, the Record of Decision and EMPr must be submitted to the case.**

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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