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Final Comment

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

Attention: Henwood Environmental Services
PO Box 12340
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Nelspruit, 1213

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

Thank you for submitting the Environmental Documents that were requested in the SAHRA official Interim Comment dated 26/01/2017 and that the HIA was amended as requested in the same comment.

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

Thank you for amending the HIA report to include the track log. For future reference, SAHRA will require this information to be included in the HIA report and the .kml file to be submitted separately in the Heritage Reports section of SAHRIS. Also a detailed project description with the projects proposed construction maps must be included in the report.

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SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objections to the development going ahead as no heritage resources were identified in the field assessment. Had there been any heritage resources identified, the report would have to be amended to include all these requirements.

In addition to the provisions in the EMP document under 15.1, the following must be added or amended to read as follows:

15.1 (b) If any newly discovered heritage resources during construction and operation phases of the proposed development are uncovered then a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. *At the expense of the developer.*

15.1 (c) If any unmarked human burials are uncovered then a report of the findings must be submitted to the SAHRA BGG Unit (Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490). The Heritage specialist with consultation with the developer



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should fence off the graves or provide motivation for a removal of the graves. *Be mindful that a graves relocation permitting process can take up to a minimum of 6 months.*

15.1 (d) If the finds prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary, and a permit will be needed before mitigation is carried out. This is the responsibility of appointed Heritage Specialist. *You may contact SAHRA APM Unit for further details: (Nokukhanya Khumalo/John Gribble 021 202 8652).*

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

Yours faithfully

Nokukhanya Khumalo
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South African Heritage Resources Agency

John Gribble
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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.