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Response to NID (Notification of Intent to Develop)

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

Attention: Mlangeni Family Trust

Environmental Authorisation and Water Use Licence Applications for the following project: Belfast Mall and Mixed Use Development

Labesh (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Mlangeni Family Trust to draw up a Background Information Document for the construction of a mixed use development in order to obtain Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) 2014 Regulations. The development is proposed to be 117.6ha, of which 53 ha will be the development footprint. It will be located on the remainder of the farm Bergendal 981 JT and remainder of Portion 12 of the farm Wemmershuis 379 JT, 3 km south east of the town Belfast, in the Emakhazeni Local Municipality of the Mpumalanga Province.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999, heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. This means that before such sites are disturbed by development it is incumbent on the developer to ensure that a Heritage Impact Assessment is done. This must include the archaeological component (Phase 1) any other applicable heritage components. Appropriate (Phase 2) mitigation, which involves recording, sampling and dating sites that are to be destroyed, must be done as required.

In your application received by SAHRA, provides no indication that an assessment of heritage resources including palaeontological resources was conducted. As such SAHRA requires a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) and a Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) for the proposed development. These specialists' studies can only be conducted by suitably qualified Archaeologist and Palaeontologist for the respective assessments. If you are unaware of any archaeologists and palaeontologists a list of them working within Heritage Resources Management field are provided in the following websites: (see www.asapa.org.za) and (see www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za).

SAHRA will comment further on this proposed development once the requested reports are submitted to the case.

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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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