

Proposed Development Of A Timeshare Resort Located On Portion 101 Tenbosch Near The Crocodile River, Mpumalanga Province

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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Roosmaryn Boerdery (Edms) Bpk

The proposed development entails the construction of tourist accommodation in the form of a timeshare resort within the Portion 101 Tenbosch Farm, 162 JU adjacent to the Crocodile River. The timeshare will comprise between 60-100 chalets and a central complex inclusive of recreational facilities. A third of the existing water rights from the river will be converted to be used for the development. All associated civil infrastructure (water, electricity, waste treatment) will be included, as well as, internal access tracks. Key staff will be housed on site while the remainder of the staff will be housed off site.

Nuleaf Planning and Environmental appointed by Prof F.P. Coetzee, on behalf of their client, to conduct a Heritage Impact Assessment on Portion 101 of the farm Tenbosch 162 JU as part of the specialist studies for a Basic Assessment report in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) 2014 Regulations, in order to obtain Environmental Authorisation for the construction of a Timeshare Resort on the banks of the Crocodile River. The proposed project will consist of the construction of 60 to 100 Chalets, staff accommodation, and other associated buildings, internal roads, storm water system, water/sewerage infrastructure. The proposed resort will be located in the Nkomazi Local Municipality of the Mpumalanga Province.

Coetzee, F.P. July 2016. Cultural Heritage Assessment of the Proposed Timeshare Resort Development on Portion 101 of the Farm Tenbosch 162 JU, near Komatipoort, Nkomazi Local Municipality in the Ehlanzeni District Municipality, Mpumalanga Province.

A heritage field assessment was conducted within the proposed project area and no heritage resources were identified, the existing buildings on the property are less than 60 years old has no heritage significance.

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SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit agrees with the recommendations set in the HIA report and has no objections to the proposed development however:

As the development is underlain by rock units considered to be of low palaeontological sensitivity on the

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SAHRIS palaeomap, therefore a detailed fossil finds procedure should be drawn up by a qualified palaeontologist. The fossil finds procedure should detail the procedure which will be followed by the Environmental Control Officer and the construction team in the event that any fossils are uncovered during construction.

All the appendices of the Basic Assessment report should be uploaded to the case.

SAHRA will issue a final comment once the above requested reports are 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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