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Final Comment

In terms of Section 38(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Gamagara Local Municipality

The Gamagara Local Municipality (Gamagara Municipality) proposes to develop additional space for graves in the town of Kathu.

Synergistics Environmental Services (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by the Gamagara Local Municipality to conduct a Basic Assessment Process for the proposed new Kathu Cemetery located on the remaining extent of the farm Uitkoms 463 near Kathu, Northern Cape Province. A Final Basic Assessment Report has been submitted in term of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014. Activities will include vegetation clearance, a new access point including a road upgrade of the Dingleton Road, internal gravel roads, fencing of the cemetery, ablution facilities, parking, water supply and waste collection bins. The cemetery was cover 5 ha. Professional Grave Solutions Heritage (Pty) Ltd and Elize Butler were appointed to conduct the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) and the Palaeontological Desktop Assessment for the project respectively.

In an Interim Comment issued by SAHRA on the 20 April 2017, SAHRA requested that ground level photographs of the proposed development area and the identified heritage resources be included in a revised HIA.

Ground level photographs of the development and the identified heritage resources have been included in a revised HIA.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit accepts the recommendations provided in the heritage specialist studies. The recommendations contained within the heritage specialist reports and the following conditions must be included in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for the project:

- The archaeologist appointed to conduct the Watching Brief must submit a report detailing the results of the monitoring to SAHRA upon completion of the construction phase;
- If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils



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or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Natasha Higgitt/John Gribble 021 462 5402) must be alerted. If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately. A professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA; and

- If the development receives an Environmental Authorisation (EA), SAHRA must be informed and all documents pertaining to the EA must be uploaded to the SAHRIS Case file.

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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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.