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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: Umsimibithi Mining (Pty) Ltd.

Morelig Combined School located near Wonderfontein needs to be relocated due to mining activities of Umsimibithi Mining (Pty) Ltd. The mining company plans to construct a new school and associated infrastructure west of the Afgri Silos on the Remainder of Generaalsdraai 429 JS, Wonderfontein, Mpumalanga.

Umsimibithi Mining (Pty) Ltd is proposing to relocate the Morelig Combined school from its current location to the remainder of the farm Generaalsdraai 429 JS and Portion 16 of the farm Generaalsdraai 423 JS in the Highlands Local Municipality of Mpumalanga Province. The extent of the proposed development area is 4.877 ha in which a new school, water pipelines, boreholes and a sewerage package plant will be constructed. This proposed development triggers listed activities in terms of section 24 (2) and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act, Act no. 107 of 1998 (NEMA), and the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report.

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.

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 and a Palaeontological Impact Assessment for the proposed development to be conducted and submitted to SAHRA for comments. 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).

If the property is heavily disturbed from previous developments then a letter of exemption from further heritage study may be submitted. This letter should be written by either an archaeologist and/or palaeontologist depending on the specific specialist studies being exempted from further assessment that is being motivated

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for, and the letter must be submitted to SAHRA for commenting.

SAHRA will comment further on this proposed development once the 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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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/386795>

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