The Proposed Township Development on a Portion of Portion 48 of the farm Valschfontein No. 33, Registration Division JS, Mpumalanga Province

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

Attention: DR JS Moroka Local Municipality

Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality Headquarters Offices Physical Address 2601/3 Bongimfundo Street Siyabuswa Postal Address Private Bag X4012 Siyabuswa 0472

The Mpumalanga Provincial Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs on behalf of the Dr. JS Moroka Local Municipality intends to establish a township that would accommodate a mix use development with approximately 500 erven on 35 hectares. The site is located east of Ouvalsfontein, west of Siyabuswa-la townships and adjacent to the R568 Regional Road within the Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province.

Environamics have been appointed by the Mpumalanga Provincial Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs on behalf of the Dr. JS Moroka Local Municipality to compile a Scoping Report for an Environmental Authorisation application in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of1999 (NEMA) and the 2014 NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. JS Moroka Municipality is proposing to establish a mixed use township development located on the farm Valschfontein 33 JS in the Mpumalanga Province. The proposed development will consist of 500 residential units across 35 hectares of land in Siyabuswa and adjacent to the Siyabuswa Industrial park area.

Van Schalkwyk, J. November 2016. Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Township Establishment on a Portion of the Farm Valschfontein 33JS, Siyabuswa Region Js Moroka Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province.

The author undertook a field assessment of the proposed development area and identified no heritage resources. The report concludes that the potential of uncovering heritage artefacts are low in the proposed development area however, any finds must be reported to SAHRA and construction must cease in the vicinity.

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SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit accepts the HIA report submitted the case however SAHRA cannot comment further as a Palaeontological Desktop Assessment was not conducted for the proposed development, as part of the Heritage Impact Assessment. Therefore a Palaeontological Desktop Assessment from a suitably qualified palaeontologist is required and must be submitted to the case on SAHRIS before any further comments are issued. All the EIAr appendices must be 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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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.