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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(2) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Enviroafrica CC
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7135

Project Description & Location (28° 54' 27.11"S 18° 09' 01.09"E) This project proposes the development of virgin soils for the cultivation of grapes and dates on approximately 150 ha between Henkries and Goodhouse, next to the Orange River and existing cultivated land, on the remainder of the Farm Steinkopf No. 22 (Springbok). This project is a social-development project initiated by the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Development of the Northern Cape

EnviroAfrica was appointed by The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process for the proposed establishment of the Henkries Mega-Agripark Development on the remainder of the farm Steinkopf No 22, Springbok Nama Khoi Municipality, Northern Cape Province. A Draft Scoping Report has been submitted in term of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014. The proposed development will comprise 130 – 150 ha of cash crops and include two reservoirs and connecting pipeline. ACRM was appointed to conduct the Heritage Impact Assessment for the proposed project.

Kaplan, J. 2016. Heritage Impact Assessment: Henkries Agricultural Development on the Remainder of Farm Steinkopf No. 22, Springbok, Northern Cape.

According to report, the proposed development area is located within an area of very low palaeontological sensitivity. A few Stone Age lithics were identified within the proposed development area, however they were rated as heritage resources of low cultural significance. The remains of a small modern kraal and a possible grave were recorded about 20 m south of a large sandstone outcrop in the north western corner of the proposed development site. The kraal has been rated as a resource of low cultural significance, while the possible grave has been rated as a heritage resource with a 3B significance rating.

Recommendations provided in the report include the following:

- No archaeological mitigation is required;
- The grave (Site 665) must be fenced off prior to site preparation commencing. Alternatively a buffer of 30 m must be established around the site, which includes the modern kraal (Site 664);

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- If any other unmarked human remains, or ostrich eggshell caches, for example are exposed or uncovered during excavation, these must be immediately be report to Natasha Higgitt (021 462 4509) or the contracted archaeologist (Jonathan Kaplan 082 321 0172);
- The above recommendation must be incorporated into the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the proposed development.

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The SAHRIS Palaeontological Sensitivity Map shows that the proposed development area is located within an area of moderate palaeontological sensitivity, and therefore a desktop Palaeontological Assessment must be conducted for the project. The Final Scoping Report, appendices and the Draft EIA must be submitted with the Palaeontological Assessment. Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above.

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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South African Heritage Resources Agency

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**HENKRIES MEGA-AGRIPARK DEVELOPMENT Remainder of the Farm Steinkopf
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