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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: SANRAL

SANRAL appointed LYMA Consulting Engineers (LYMA) to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for the proposed upgrading of the National Route 2 (N2) Section 34 between Piet Retief and Ermelo, Panbult, Mpumalanga.

SANRAL are proposing to upgrade the N2 freeway in Section 34 between the towns of Piet Retief, Ermelo and the Panbult interchange on the farms Valschvlei 352 and Basel 313 in the local municipality of Mkhondo of the Mpumalanga Province. The Panbult intersection experiences a large heavy vehicle traffic volume due to the transport of coal from Kangra Coal Mine and the Panbult coal sidings. Construction will include a 3-span continuous bridge across the interchange, widening of the road to a width of 15.46 metres, adding a new link road, relocation of Eskom power lines and Telkom cables among other infrastructure.

LYMA Consulting Engineers have been appointed to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment process in support of an Environmental Authorisation application, in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, No. 107 of 1998 (NEMA). To meet the requirements of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, No 25 of 1999 a Heritage Impact Assessment by Nzumbululo Heritage Solutions was commissioned on behalf of SANRAL.

The Scoping Report submitted to the case mentions and summarised the findings of the Heritage Impact Assessment, which had identified 2 cemeteries that may be impacted by the proposed N2 road/Panbult intersection upgrade. However, the HIA has not been submitted to the case for commenting.

SAHRA requires the HIA to be submitted to the case and that HIA conforms to section 38(3) of the NHRA and the 2007 minimum standards guidelines for Heritage reports. A Palaeontological Impact Assessment must also be commissioned, to be undertaken by a suitably qualified palaeontologist.

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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