# Proposed establishment of a sports complex, and associated infrastructure at Mamanyoha Village, Greater Letaba Municipality

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### **Final Comment**

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

Attention: Greater Letaba Municipality

The Greater Letaba Municipality (GLM) proposes the development of a sports complex, and associated infrastructure on an undeveloped site of ±6,5ha approximately 220m north of Mamanyoha Village, within the Mopani District, Limpopo Province. Currently, the proposed site is used for cattle grazing purposes and subsistence agriculture by small-scale farmers from the Mamanyoha community. The Modjadji Royal Council, the official custodian of the land, has made the area available to GLM for the purpose of this development. Limpopo Province

The Greater Letaba Local Municipality is proposing to construct a new sports facility in the village of Mamnyoha, in the Limpopo Province. The project area will be 6.5 ha in extent, consisting of sports fields, tennis and basketball courts, two grandstands, parking area, and a low voltage electricity line. The municipality has appointed by Shasa Heritage Consultants (Pty) Ltd to undertake a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) in terms of section 38 (8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act no 25 of 1999 (NHRA). The report assesses the potential impacts the proposed new Sports Complex Project may have on heritage resources. The HIA report has been submitted to SAHRA for official comments, as per the requirements in terms of section 38(4) of the NHRA.

Roodt, F. and Stegmann, L. October 2015. Phase 1 Heritage Resources Scoping Report, Proposed New Sports Complex Mamanyoha, Limpopo.

A brief foot survey of the proposed development and a historical literature review of the proposed development area has not identified any heritage resources that may be impacted by the proposed development. Therefore, no further studies or mitigation measures are recommended for the proposed development area.

#### **Final Comment**

SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objections to the development because of the disturbed nature of the landscape for the proposed Sports Complex area.

If there are any new heritages resources are discovered during construction and operation phases of the proposed development, then a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the findings at the expense of the developer.

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If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required at the expense of the developer. Mitigation will only be carried out after the archaeologist or palaeontologist obtains a permit in terms of section 35 of the NHRA (Act 25 of 1999).

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You may contact SAHRA APM Unit for further details: (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Phillip Hine 021 202 8652).

If any unmarked human burials are uncovered and the archaeologist called in to inspect the finds and/or the police find them to be heritage graves then mitigation may be necessary and the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit must be contacted for processes to follow (Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490).

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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- 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.