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## **Final Comment**

## In terms of Section 38(3), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

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The sand mining area will cover the mining footprint of 4.94ha. The goal of the project is to provide sand for various construction activities as well as Infrastructural projects or earthworks including linear structures, cut and fill or excavations. The neighbouring village to the mining site is Madibe-A Makgabana and it is ideal to offer employment to this community.

Mafoko Brothers and Logistics intend to undertake sand mining activities on Portion 12 (portion of portion 1) of Heath Farm No.202 JO, at Mahikeng, within Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality in the North West Province.

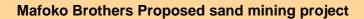
A draft Basic Assessment Report (dBAR) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) has been conducted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the EIA Regulations 2017 for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA)(As amended). The proposed activities will cover 4.9 ha and include excavations up to 3 m deep.

The BAR notes that no heritage resources will be impacted by the proposed activities, however no Heritage Impact Assessment has been conducted as part of the EA Application process as per Section 38(8) and 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

## **Final Comment**

SAHRA cannot endorse this proposed development as no HIA has been conducted as part of the BAR process as required by Section 38 of the NHRA.

SAHRA therefore advises the Department of Environmental Affairs and the Department of Mineral Resources to reject the application for EA and Mining Permit on Portion 12 (portion of portion 1) of Heath Farm No.202 JO, at Mahikeng, within Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality in the North West Province (NW 30/5/1/3/2/10503 MP).



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This comment must be submitted directly to the competent authority and proof of delivery must be provided to SAHRA.

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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