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Final Comment

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

Attention: Mr Khaukanani Ramuhashi
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The excavation of gravel material is required for the construction of the proposed upgrade of a 10km existing gravel road P124-1 from the Dwasberg intersection (road D506 with road P124-1) up to Molatedi Village within the Moses Kotane Local Municipality in the North West Province.

The Department of Public Works and Roads appointed Lesekeha Consulting to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed gravel mining activities on communal land in the Obakeng Village in the Moses Kotane Local Municipality within the Bojanala District Municipality, North West Province. A Final Basic Assessment Report (FBAR) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) has been conducted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2014 EIA Regulations for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA)(As amended). The proposed activities will cover 3.8 ha and include clearing of vegetation, open pit gravel mining, and gravel will be hauled to the road construction site.

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).

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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 for gravel mining on communal land in the Obakeng Village in the Moses Kotane Local Municipality within the Bojanala District Municipality, North West Province (NW 30/5/1/1/3/2/1/00049 BP).

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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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