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## Interim 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 28 ha piece of land between N14 and R 30 roads will be used for an Integrated human Settlement in Ventersdorp in the Ventresdorp/ Tlokwe 405 Local Municipality in the DR Kenneth Kaunda Local Municipality within the North West Province .**

The North West Provincial Government Department of Local Government and Human Settlements (DLGHS) has appointed Lesekha Consulting to conduct Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) Process for a proposed Integrated Human Settlement and Related Infrastructure on Elandskuil Farm No. 205 & 206 IP, in Ventersdorp, North West Province (NWP/EIA/34/2017). A draft Scoping Report has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2017 EIA Regulations. The proposed development will include approximately 3852 housing units, open recreational space/educational purposes, schools, police station, churches, filling station etc. The proposed development will cover approximately 280.7752 ha.

It is noted that the Draft Scoping report states that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) will be conducted as part of the EIA phase of the EA Application process.

In an Interim Comment issued on the 06/11/2017, SAHRA requested that the pending HIA be submitted along with the DEIA and all appendices before further comments could be issued.

*Küsel, U. 2017. A Heritage report for the proposed Human Development Settlement in Ventersdorp in the J. B Marks Local Municipality.*

A total of six heritage resources were identified, and these include the J B Marks Provincial Monument and grave site, a possible grave, a cemetery consisting of 38 graves, a rocky outcrop where animals have rubbed the boulders smooth, remains of farm workers housing and remains of a farm werf.

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Recommendations provided in the report include the following:

- The JB Marks heritage site is protected by Act 25 of 1999 and should be maintained in good condition;
- The animal rubbing stones should be protected, fenced in and retained as part of an open space development;
- The farm workers area can be demolished;
- The large cemetery should be cleaned and fenced in and maintained in a good condition;
- The possible single grave should be investigated by a heritage specialist in a separate report before any decisions are taken.

### Interim Comment

SAHRA cannot provide further comments on the development application until the DEIA and all appendices are submitted to the case so that an informed comment may be issued. Additionally, the application must be mapped on the GIS Layer of the case.

SAHRA requests that the statement of significance of the identified rubbed boulders and the statement that the site is a relatively scarce Natural History phenomenon be further clarified. Additionally, further photographs of the possible grave must be provided. A desktop Palaeontological Assessment must be conducted for the proposed development.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above requested information.

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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