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

Attention: Enviroafrica CC

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Project Description & Location (31° 28' 16.60"S, 19° 45' 42.32"E) The Ramskop abattoir is currently registered to slaughter 600 sheep/ goats per day. It is proposed that the slaughter capacity be increased from 600 to 1000 sheep/goats per day. All waste products, as well as deceased sheep or carcasses (condemned material), gets buried in trenches at a designated area adjacent to the abattoir. All water used at the abattoir, emanating from the slaughter floor and pens/krale, gets pumped into a separator where solids gets separated from the liquid waste produced by the abattoir. After this, waste water than gets pumped through a pipeline to the municipality's oxidation dams; and any other remaining solid waste than also gets buried in the trenches mentioned above.

EnviroAfrica CC was appointed by Calvinia Abattoir Ramskop KLK to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed expansion to the Calvinia Ramskop Abattoir, in Calvinia, Northern Cape Province. A Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) has been conducted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations.

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). It is also noted that the proposed expansion is located 100 m from an existing cemetery.

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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 expansion of the Calvinia Ramskop Abbatoir, Calvinia, Northern Cape Province.

**THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF CALVINIA ABATTOIR RAMSKOP, ERF 3562,
CALVINIA, NORTHERN CAPE**

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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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