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Final Comment

In terms of Section 38(4), 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.

In a Final Comment issued on the 14/11/2017, SAHRA stated that the proposed development could not be endorsed as no HIA has been conducted as part of the BAR process as required by Section 38 of the NHRA. SAHRA therefore advised the Department of Environmental Affairs and the Department of Mineral Resources to reject the application for EA and expansion of the Calvinia Ramskop Abattoir, Calvinia, Northern Cape Province.

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

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Since the issuing of the Final Comment, CTS Heritage has been appointed to provide specialist heritage input into the development application.

Lavin, J. 2018. Heritage Screener: The Proposed Expansion of Calvinia Abattoir Ramskop, Erf 3562, Calvinia, Northern Cape.

The report notes that there will be no impact to heritage resources in the surrounding area, which include a municipal cemetery and two Provincial Heritage Sites. No recommendations are provided.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit accepts the submitted report and has no objections to the proposed development. The following conditions must be included in the EMPr:

- The Environmental Control Officer (ECO) must monitor for palaeontological heritage resources in case of any excavation activities;
- If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Natasha Higgitt/Phillip Hine 021 462 5402) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. A professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA;
- The decision regarding the EA Application must be communicated to SAHRA and uploaded to the SAHRIS Case application.

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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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/409342>
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Terms & Conditions:

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.