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## Interim Comment

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

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### **Township establishment of Blydeville Extension 4 on a portion of the Remaining Extent of Portion 1 of the farm Rietdraai No. 51-IP, North West Province comprising 1469 erven on a total area of 74,1295 hectares at Lichtenburg, North West Province**

Disobotla Local Municipality appointed Maxim Planning Solutions Proprietary Limited to conduct an application process for the establishment of the proposed township Blydeville Extension 4 on a portion of the Remaining Extent of Portion 1 of the farm Rietdraai 51, Registration Division I.P, Province North West. The application will be applied for in terms of the provisions of Section 59(1) of the Ditsobotla By-Law on Spatial Planning and Land Use Management and Section 107(1) of the Town Planning and Townships Ordinance, 1986 (Ordinance 15 of 1986) read with Sections 41(1)(a) and 42(2)(a) read with paragraph (g)(i) of Schedule 1 of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 (Act 16 of 2013). The proposed development will cover approximately 75,3177 ha and will comprise 1454 Residential 4 erven, one Residential 3 erf, four Business 1 erven, four Institutional erven, two Educational erven, one Municipal erf, one cemetery erf, one Private Open space erf, one Public Open Space erf and streets.

Vhufa Hashu Heritage Consultancy to conduct the Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA), however, no AIA has been submitted to SAHRA. The submitted Memorandum notes the no heritage resources were identified as part of the AIA. A desktop Palaeontological Assessment was conducted as part of the application by Dr Heidi Fourie.

*Fourie, H. 2016. The proposed township establishment Blydeville Ext. 4 - mixed land use housing Ditsobotla Local Municipality, Ngaka Modiri Moelma District Municipality, North West Province Farm: Portion 1 of Rietdraai 51 IP.*

The proposed development area is underlain by sediments of the Dwyka Group (Karoo Supergroup) and the Ventersdorp Supergroup Rocks, and overlain by Quaternary sands. Fossils associated with this formation include plant remains, arthropod trackways and fish trails. The impact of the development on fossil heritage is

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considered moderate and does not require further assessment.

Recommendations provided in the report include the following:

- There is no objection to the development, it may not be necessary to request a Phase 1 PIA: Field study to determine whether the development will affect fossiliferous outcrops as the palaeontological sensitivity is moderate. A Phase 2 Palaeontological Mitigation may be required if the Phase 1 PIA identifies a fossiliferous formation;
- This project may benefit the economy, the growth of the community and social development in general;
- Preferred choice: The impact on the palaeontological heritage is moderate. Care must be taken during the grading of roads, digging of foundations and removing of topsoil and overburden or blasting of bedrock;
- If any palaeontological material is exposed during digging, excavating, drilling or blasting, SAHRA must be notified. All construction activities must be stopped and a palaeontologist should be called in to determine proper mitigation measures.

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As the above referenced legislation does not require an assessment of heritage, section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) does not apply, however, the proposed development does trigger section 38(1) of the NHRA. Therefore SAHRA is a Competent Authority in terms of this application, and no construction may commence without a Record of Decision in terms of section 38(4) of the NHRA from SAHRA.

SAHRA requests that the AIA conducted for the proposed development be submitted for review and official comment.

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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