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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: Idstone Farming (Pty) Ltd

**The company Idstone Farming (Pty) Ltd. is proposing to commence with the process of procuring the Remaining Extent of the Farm Banks Drift no 164 and Portion 1 of the Farm Christians Drift no 166 respectively near the town of Douglas in the Northern Cape Province (450 ha). The reason for the intended procurement is for establishing eighteen (18) 25 ha seed potato farming pivots on the farm of natural previously uncultivated land.**

Eco-Con Environmental (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Idstone Farming (Pty) Ltd to conduct a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) Process in support of an Environmental Authorisation Application for the proposed cultivation of 450ha virgin soil for the establishment of 18 seed potato farming pivots and associated water pipelines on the remaining extent of the farm Banks Drift no 164 and portion 1 of the farm Christians Drift no 166 respectively near Douglas, Northern Cape Province. A draft Scoping Report has been submitted to SAHRA in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2017 EIA Regulations.

Dr Lloyd Rossouw of the National Museum in Bloemfontein was appointed to conduct the Heritage Component of the S&EIA process.

*Rossouw, L. 2017. Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment of proposed installation of new irrigation pivots and associated infrastructure on the farm Banks Drift 163 near Douglas, Northern Cape Province.*

The geology mostly likely to be impacted by the proposed project area consists of a thick mantle of aeolian Kalahari sands which are of recent age. No heritage resources were identified within the proposed agriculture area, and the terrain is not considered to be archaeological vulnerable. No recommendations were provided.

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SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that the Scoping Report appendices, the draft EIA and all appendices must be submitted to the case application on SAHRIS so that an informed comment can be issued.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above.

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Yours faithfully

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