

Proposed cultivation of 19 ha virgin soil for the establishment of 1 Seed Potato Farming Pivot and associated water pipeline on the Remaining Extent of the Farm Reliance No. 347 near Griekwastad, Northern Cape Province

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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: Secundis Beleggings (Pty) Ltd.

The company Secundis Beleggings (Pty) Ltd. is proposing to commence with the process of procuring the Remaining Extent of the Farm Reliance No. 347 near the town of Griekwastad in the Northern Cape Province (19 ha). The reason for the intended procurement is for establishing One (1) seed potato farming pivot on the farm of natural previously uncultivated land.

Eco-Con Environmental (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Secundis Beleggings (Pty) Ltd to conduct a Basic Assessment Process in support of an Environmental Authorisation Application for the proposed cultivation of 19 ha virgin soil for the establishment of 1 seed potato farming pivot and associated water pipelines on Remaining Extent of the Farm Reliance No. 347 near Griekwastad, Northern Cape Province. A draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) is to be completed in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2017 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations.

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

Rossouw, L. 2018. Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment of proposed installation of a new 19 ha irrigation pivot on the farm Reliance No. 347 near Griekwastad, 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 draft BAR 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.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

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