## **Springbok Hotel Development**

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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: NHE Development (Pty) Ltd

Proposed development of a hotel on Erf 5206, Springbok, Northern Cape Province (Nama-Khoi Municipality). The development consists of a hotel with approximately 100 rooms and conference facilities for 300 guests.

Marguerite Cronje has been appointed by NHE Development (Pty) Ltd to conduct a Basic Assessment Process in support of an Environmental Authorisation Application for the proposed hotel development on Erf 5206, Springbok, Northern Cape Province. A draft Basic Assessment Report (dBAR) has been submitted to SAHRA in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2017 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations.

The proposed hotel development will have 100 rooms and conference facilities and will cover 1.4237 ha with links to municipal infrastructure.

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

Rossouw, L. 2017. Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of a proposed new hotel development on Erf 5206 in Springbok, Northern Cape Province.

No significant heritage resources were identified within the proposed development area.

Recommendations provided in the report include that no further mitigation measures are necessary as long as all planned activities are restricted to the development footprint boundary.

Rossouw, L. 2017. Phase 1 Palaeontological Impact Assessment of a proposed new hotel development on Erf 5206 in Springbok, Northern Cape Province.

The proposed development is underlain by metamorphic rocks of the Proterozoic Bushmanland Terrane (Namaqua-Natal Province) that are not palaeontological significant. They are overlain by Quaternary superficial deposits that may occasionally contain fossils but are of no significance within the development

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footprint as no pan, spring or well-developed alluvial deposits occur in it.

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### **Final Comment**

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objections to the proposed development and supports the recommendations of the heritage specialist. The recommendations of the specialists and the following conditions must be included in the Final EMPr:

- The Final BAR and EMPr must be submitted to SAHRA for record purposes;
- 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. 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. 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;
- Should the project be granted Environmental Authorisation, SAHRA must be notified and all relevant documents submitted to the case file.

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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### **ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: http://www.sahra.org.za/node/489221 (DENC, Ref: )

#### 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.