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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: Sun International (Pty) Ltd

Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed Future Developments within the Sun City Resort Complex, North West Province.

Digby Wells Environmental was appointed by Sun International (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application process for proposed future developments within the Sun City Resort Complex, North West Province.

A draft Scoping Report has been completed as per the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998 (NEMA), and NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed developments will include several Resort Expansion Projects, Utilities and Services Projects and Monitoring Projects.

Du Piesanie, J and Hardwick, S. 2018. Notification of Intent to Develop: Environmental Impact Assessment for proposed Future Developments within the Sun City Complex, North West Province.

The NID notes the various developments and activities contained within the overall proposal i.e. Resort expansion projects, Utilities and Service Projects and Monitoring Projects. The NID notes that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) inclusive of an Archaeological Component must be conducted for the development applications.

Du Piesanie, J; Hardwick, S and Nel, J. 2018. Heritage Scoping Report - Environmental Impact Assessment for Proposed Future Developments within the Sun City Complex, North West Province.

It is noted that the palaeontological component of the report was written by an archaeologist but reviewed by a qualified palaeontologist. The study is underlain by the Pilanesberg Alkaline Province that does not contain fossils. This formation is interlinked with Quaternary Aged sands that have the potential to include fossil remains.

Other heritage resources identified in the broader study area include Stone Age resources, Later Farming Community (LFC) resources, historical built environment, and burial grounds and graves. A total of 15 heritage

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resources were identified within the site-specific project area including LFC resources and more recent heritage. One particular LFC stone walled site, *Itlholanoga*, has been rated as a site of very high Grade II significance.

The recommendations provided in the report include the following:

- It is proposed that the pending Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) to be completed as part of the EIA phase of the EA application focus on archaeological resources;
- A Request for Exemption from further palaeontological assessment on the condition that a Fossil Finds Procedure (FFP) is implemented prior to the commencement of the project. A FFP is provided in the report.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit notes the pending HIA inclusive of an archaeological component and awaits the report.

No further assessment of palaeontological resources is required on the condition that an FFP is implemented as part of the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr).

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.

Yours faithfully

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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.