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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(8), 38(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: VODACOM (PTY) LTD

VODACOM SITE /NO: 6 KWAMBUZI NONGOMA 3880

Project Description: Vodacom intends to construct a 55m Lattice type mast with antennae mounted onto the mast, and container housing associated equipment. The size of the base station (fenced area) in which the mast and associated equipment will be placed will measure 12m x 12m (144m²). Location: The site is located on the Farm Havercroft 99 KT, on a mountain near the premises of the Havercroft Mine, Modubeng area within the Fetakgomo-Tubatse Municipality area (Co-ordinates: S 24°19'52.6" E 30°11'34.1").

Tekplan Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd is undertaking a Basic Assessment (BAR) process on behalf of Vodacom (Pty) Ltd, in respect of listed activities in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2017, that require an application for Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA).

A BAR has been submitted to SAHRA in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 25 of 1999 for commenting.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999 (NHRA), heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are generally protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. In contexts of development applications, the developer must ensure that no heritage resources will be impacted by the proposed development, by lodging an application to SAHRA and submitting detailed development specifications as a notification of intent to develop. If the application is made in terms of s. 38 (8) of the NHRA then it is incumbent on the developer to ensure that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) is undertaken, as s. 38(2)a does not apply. Such a study should follow the SAHRA 2007 impact assessment guidelines and section 38(3).

Any earth moving activities pose a threat to palaeontological and heritage resources, particularly in relatively undisturbed areas. Koppies, Mountains and River valleys are sensitive to heritage resources. Therefore, SAHRA requires a Heritage Desktop Study and a Palaeontological Desktop Study because the area is underlain by high palaeontological sensitive rocks.

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The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit will process the case further once the above requested reports are submitted to the case.

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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