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

Attention: Mr Ian Symon
Zargadox (Pty) Ltd

The project will entail the following (it will be developed in a phased manner) • An events venue and boutique guest lodge is planned on Portion 1 of Holding 44 Melodie Agricultural Holdings on 1,356ha. • Additions to the existing tourism facilities at the top of the existing cableway is planned on Hartebeestpoort Cable Way 971 JQ (4.3379ha) that will include a zipline, an aerial ropeway obstacle course, an infinity swimming pool and an aerial glass walkway (skywalk) with ancillary and related facilities. • A telecom mast near to 3 others which are situated on neighbouring land. The additions to the existing tourism facilities will take place at the top cableway site and will thus fall within the protected Magaliesberg Biosphere Reserve. The biosphere was established by UNESCO which is an international organisation. The study site is located on the crest of the Magaliesberg and at the bottom of the mountain to the north and south of the Harties Cableway Service Road in Melodie in Hartbeespoort, in the jurisdiction of the Madibeng Local Municipality. The site is operated by the Hartebeespoort Aerial Cableway. The Cableway was originally constructed in 1973 and extends to the top of the Magaliesberg from where the Hartebeespoort dam and surrounding areas can be viewed.

Landscape Dynamics were appointed by Zargadox (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application process for the proposed development at the Hartebeestpoort Cable Way, Hartebeest Poort, North West Province.

A draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The project will include the construction of an events venue, guest lodge on portion 1 of Holdings 44 (1356 ha), additions to existing tourism facilities at the top of the existing cableway that will include a zipline, aerial ropeway obstacle course, infinity pool and aerial glass walkway with ancillary and related facilities, and a telecom mast.

Archaetnos Culture and Cultural Resources Consultants were appointed to provide heritage input for the EA application process.

Van Vollenhoven, A. C. 2018. A report on a Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment for the development of



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additional tourism facilities at the existing Harties Cableway, North West Province.

No heritage sites were identified within the proposed development footprint.

Recommendations provided in the report include that care should be taken when development commences that if any Iron Age pottery or related artefacts are discovered, a qualified archaeologist be called to investigate the occurrence.

In an Interim Comment issued on 20/09/2018, SAHRA requested that an assessment of palaeontological resources is conducted as part of the EA application.

Bamford, M. 2018. Palaeontological Impact Assessment for the proposed Harties Cable way Project on Portion 1 of Holding 44 Melodie AH and Hartebeest Cableway 971 JQ, Northwest Province.

The proposed project is underlain by potentially fossiliferous Magaliesberg and Silverton Formations (Pretoria Group, Transvaal Supergroup) and the non-fossiliferous Vlakfontein Subsuite (Rustenburg Layered Suite, Bushveld Complex). Palaeontological resources that may be present include trace fossils of microbial activity called *Manchuriophycus* in the Magaliesberg Formation. A Chance Finds Procedure is recommended to be included into the EMPr to be followed should any fossils be uncovered during the excavation and construction phase.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit accepts the recommendations of the submitted specialist reports and has no objection to the proposed project. The recommendations of the specialists and the following conditions must be included in the Final BAR and Environmental Management Programme (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,

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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;

- The decision regarding the EA Application must be communicated to SAHRA and uploaded to the SAHRIS Case application.

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.