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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: 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.

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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.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that an assessment of palaeontological resources is conducted as part of the EA application process as the proposed development is located within an area of high palaeontological sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. The assessment of paleontological resources must be conducted by a qualified palaeontologist and must comply with the SAHRA 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments.

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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